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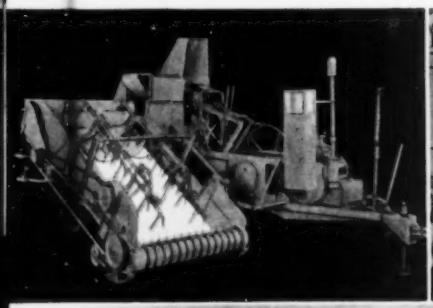

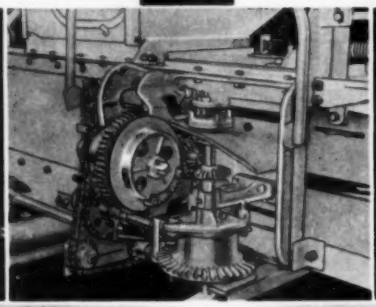

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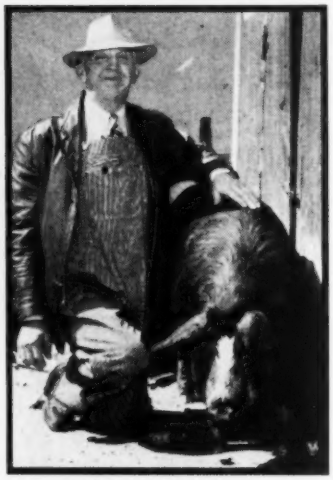
APPLE RIVER, ILL.—Walter Schlichting's idea of a pleasant hobby is one that pays off in blue ribbons . . . plus cash. For example, the carload of hogs he entered in last year's International Live Stock Exposition was awarded a Grand Championship!



Walter and Prize Winner

That was the PAY-OFF. What's Schlichting's HOBBY? Just feeding livestock . . . like the corn-fed beauty he's stroking here! Doesn't forget, either, to feed himself a big bowl of Wheaties at breakfast . . . four times a week, he says.

* * *

Another hobby: watching basketball. Walter Schlichting has followed the hoop sport for years. Gets a big kick out of close, fast-breaking games. He's also a long time Wheaties fan. Started eating 'em "because they're 100% whole wheat flakes." Walter's favorite is bananas with Wheaties and milk. Famous training dish, offering food energy, three B vitamins. Minerals, proteins.

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The Clock goes faster after noon—

EARLY in the morning, when you have the whole day ahead of you, the hours seem long. Much as there is to do, you feel that you have plenty of time.

But let the clock's hands slip past noon and see how fast the hours go—how pressed for time you are to get the day's work done!

The years of your life are something like that, too.

When you are young the future stretches far, far ahead. But once you pass the noon of life, the clock seems to tick faster, and you wonder if you can ever accomplish what you set out to do:

To provide for your family and build a secure future for them. To educate your sons and daughters. To provide some ease and security for your own later years.

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Farm Outlook

Latest information on conditions, production, markets, and income prospects

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The new year gets under way with the general outlook *good* for farmers. Forecasts are "good prices and continued big demand" for just about everything farmers can produce, especially in the line of meat, dairy, and poultry products. Best for several years.

With plenty of feed on hand, supply of these important food items will increase. Supplies of milk and eggs will go up first, followed by pork next fall and winter, and beef later on.

High level of employment is expected to continue. This will mean strong consumer demand and prices still at profitable levels for meats, milk, eggs, and poultry, despite increased production. That's the prospect at least during the first half of 1949.

AMONG CONSUMERS

Most prices of manufactured goods have flattened out in recent weeks, but costs still are rising. Strong factor here is the probable fourth round of wage increases. Expectations are that prices for manufactured goods will move up again.

Further wage increases will mean added purchasing power in the hands of consumers and an increased demand for goods. Consumers will continue resistance to high durable-goods prices, and much of this increased wages in the hands of consumers should go to bolster the price of farm products.

GRAIN PICTURE IMPROVES

The new year gets under way with the 1949 winter-wheat crop in good condition. Early snows in Kansas and Nebraska provided much needed moisture in those regions.

Grain prices strengthened in November. Wheat prices are expected to stay above support level thru May.

Indications are that corn prices will do better from here on out as a big 1949 export movement gets under way. Approximately 300 million bushels of wheat and flour have been exported since last June, plus about 100 million bushels of coarse grains.

THINKING IN WASHINGTON

Government action is the most important factor in our economy. To farmers, it's extra important. For attitude of congressional farm leaders, see page 45.

United States Department of Agriculture officials want to increase quantities of corn, wheat, and other crops that may be regarded as a "normal supply," in order to postpone evil days of acreage controls and marketing quotas.

Prewar, a carryover of about 100 million bushels of wheat and 300 million bushels of corn, was regarded as safe. Now the U.S.D.A. suggests 300 million bushels of wheat and 800 million bushels of corn are needed before crop controls come into the picture.

Regardless of what the government does, your long-range plan should be to build more and modern permanent cribs and bins on your farm. Common production from here on likely will be 1.1 billion-bushel wheat crops and better than 3 billion bushels of corn.

The scare that city consumers would pressure Congress into cutting down price supports for farm products is almost forgotten. Lower priced pork chops, hamburger, and butter soothed many unjustified complaints. Not a chance price-support law will be changed to lower levels for the 1949 year.

LIVESTOCK EXPANSION

This will be a year of hiking livestock production, the world over. First move will be to increase poultry and hogs both at home and abroad. This means a heavy demand for feedstuffs of all kinds.

European cattle numbers are around prewar size; hogs and poultry are far below. Livestock population in this country is the smallest in years. Feed will disappear rapidly as grain consumption increases. What looks like a big feed surplus now could melt away rapidly in the event of poor 1949 crops.

HOG SITUATION

Despite earlier than normal bulge in hog marketings last October-November, indications are that many producers have adjusted their program for late marketing. Could be that a slightly greater proportion of the October-April slaughter will occur after January 1 than was the case in 1947-48. Hog marketings last year were about equally divided between October-December and January-April.

Increased competition of vegetable oils with animal fats is a warning not to overproduce lard. This could cause hog-marketing troubles next winter. Again, we say it will pay you to strive for the meaty types, finish for early market, and don't waste feed on excessive fat. Our guess: Heavy, lard type hogs are permanently out of the picture.

POULTRY

The poultry industry is going into the new year with storage stocks of eggs and poultry meat below a year ago and the five-year average. Profits will be better in first half than in the last 6 months of 1949.

If you haven't already, order chicks now for early delivery. Big rush expected for chicks this spring. Don't overbuy. Fill houses with only normal number of chicks and earlier than usual. Best bet is to push for early production.

DAIRY

Storage stocks of butter, cheese, and evaporated milk are larger than a year earlier. Expect a normal seasonal decline in price of milk until midyear. No serious price break is expected. Fluid markets will be "preferred," and that's a place quality counts.

Returns above feed costs will be better than for the last few years. It'll pay to add a cow or two to your herd if you can find good milkers.

FEED IT RIGHT

Cheap corn can be expensive feed if not fed right. Following bumper corn crops, hog men tend to overfeed corn, especially to brood sows.

Big cost shows up in the spring pig crop. In smaller litters, unthrifty, and nonuniform pigs. Proper balance of grain, protein, vitamins, and minerals will hold efficiency and profits at higher levels.

Sows need abundant supply of essential vitamins to produce and suckle thrifty pigs. These can be supplied by good-quality alfalfa meal. Iowa State College suggests the following self-fed ration for pregnant sows: 600 pounds ground yellow corn, 600 pounds ground oats, 600 pounds alfalfa meal, and 200 pounds protein supplement. If sows gain too fast on this ration, cut down on the corn and increase alfalfa meal. **END**

In All Three 1948 National Plowing Matches the Champions Chose . . .

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IT TAKES perfect tractor tire performance to win a national plowing match. The top-notch plowmen in this country have learned that through experience. That's why the winners in all three national matches at Big Rock and Wheatland, Illinois; and Dexter, Iowa chose Firestone Champion Ground Grip Tractor Tires.

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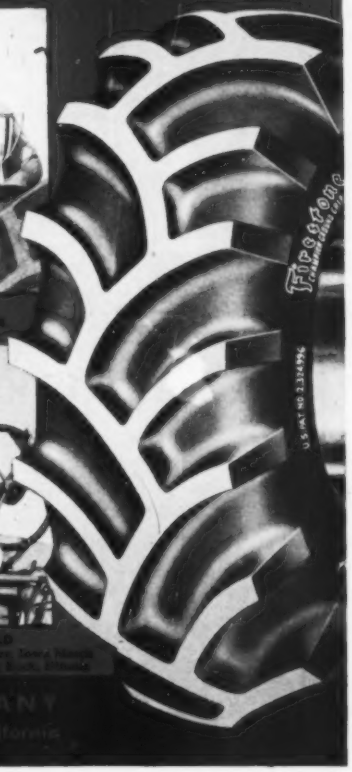

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Shirley Talbott's smile wins title —"America's Loveliest Model"

Shirley Talbott, Conover Model, had just made her professional debut when she was named "America's Loveliest Model" in a nationwide contest conducted by a Washington, D. C., girls' club. A year later, she dazzled the beauty judges again—out of 3,000 girls, she was picked as "America's Dream Girl."

But one successful career isn't enough for Shirley. She is studying dramatics, now . . . looking toward the stage and screen. Wherever her career takes her, Shirley's winning smile will never be outsparkled—it's a Pepsodent Smile! "I brush my teeth with Pepsodent twice a day," Shirley says. "That's one beauty rule I never break!"

The smile that wins is the Pepsodent Smile!

Shirley Talbott knows it. And people all over America agree—the smile that wins is the Pepsodent Smile! They've seen how Pepsodent removes the film that makes teeth look dull—uncovers new brightness in their smiles!

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Families from coast to coast recently compared New Pepsodent with the tooth paste they were using at home. By an average of 3 to 1, they said Pepsodent tastes better, makes breath cleaner and teeth brighter than any other tooth paste they tried. *For the safety of your smile use Pepsodent twice a day—see your dentist twice a year!*

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The Farmer Speaks*®

National prohibition?

FARM folks, as a group, are well known for their honest and outspoken objections to Demon Rum. Laws against liquor-by-the-drink have come to be the rule in a number of farm states.

However, attitudes of our readers have changed considerably since the days when Carrie Nation went about chopping down saloons with her little hatchet. This was shown clearly when we asked:

Question 1: If the question of national prohibition should come up again, do you think Congress should or should not pass a law to stop the manufacture and sale of liquor?

Answer:	All farmers
Should	43%
Should not	50
No opinion	7

While they are personally opposed to the drinking habit, about half the farmers in the United States feel that national prohibition is *not* that cure.

Past experience with such a law may account for their objections. As an Iowa farmer of our acquaintance expressed it, "The so-called 'Prohibition Days,' as I remember them, were anything but that. They not only did *not* prohibit drunkenness, but they brought about a host of new problems—among them bootlegging, gangsters, and women drinkers."

Men vs. women teachers

Pursuing a different train of thought, our poll this month pulled the whistle cord on another problem of the day: namely, schoolteachers. Our concern this time was not with academic morals or ailments of the school system (see October, 1948, *Successful Farming*).

Instead, we inquired:

Question 2: Which do you think make the better high-school teachers—men or women?

Answer:	All farmers
Men	32%
Women	27
No difference	37
No opinion	7

Opinion was fairly evenly divided, with about a third of the readers favoring men instructors, and another third saw little difference. Less than a third favored the women.

From both our "larnin'" and "teachin'" experience, we'd surmise that ability to keep order, rather than superior knowledge, is the reason behind the slight preference for men teachers. **END**

*An opinion survey conducted impartially thru a nationally known research organization.

Judge Robbins' HOBBY HUNT

Judge Robbins visits two hobbyists who find greater smoking pleasure in crimp cut Prince Albert—America's largest-selling smoking tobacco.

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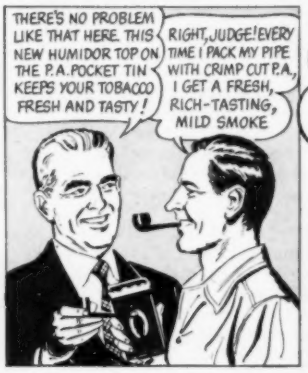

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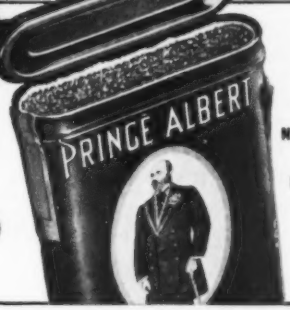

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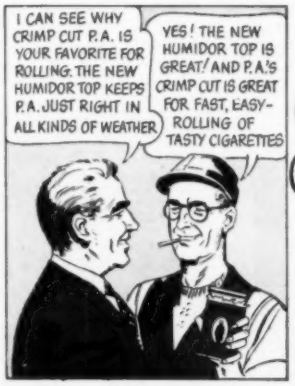

Crimp Cut Prince Albert is a favorite with "makin's" smokers. P.A. rolls up fast and shapes up easy into rich-tasting, full-bodied cigarettes.

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Tips you can use today

Air conditioner. Homes in which the air tends to be dry and dusty are offered relief by the manufacturer of this device. He claims it is a sure means of maintaining proper moisture in the air to the end that sore throats, colds, and nasal irritations may be reduced to a minimum. The humidifier is operated electrically and may be used in any farm home where electric current is available.—*Fresh'nd-Aire Co., Chicago, Illinois.*

Tractor cab. Complete with heating unit, this cab makes winter tractor operation comfortable. It is made to fit all popular-style tractors. Only four heavy machine bolts are necessary to attach this cab to any tractor.—*Iowa Fibre Products, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa.*

Disc harrows. This Goble disc is a newcomer to the Midwest. The manufacturer claims a saving of 1 to 5 horsepower over conventional harrows, with a substantial lowering of fuel consumption. Sizes range from 3'9" for light tractors to 36' squadrons for use with heavy tractors. Disc sizes range from 22" to 26", with 9" or 10" spacing between units.—*Massey-Harris Co., Racine, Wisconsin.*

Grain standards. Official standards for sunflower and safflower seed have been established by the Minnesota Grain Inspection Department. North Dakota farmers produced over 20,000 acres of sunflowers last summer and tried out 350 acres of safflowers. Grade No. 1 sunflower seed will have a minimum test weight of 24 pounds per bushel, with not over 5 percent of total damaged seed or over 1 percent of heat damage. Safflower seed will weigh 40 pounds per bushel and have a minimum oil content of 28 percent.

Bird's-foot trefoil. Tests at the Soil Conservation Service Nursery, Ames, Iowa, have been under way with this crop for several years. Most satisfactory management resulted from combining it with such grasses as Kentucky bluegrass, redtop, orchard grass, or timothy. The trefoil responded remarkably well to phosphate fertilizer treatment. Preliminary observations indicate it may be necessary to top-dress old stands with phosphate every three or four years. The plant proved to be well adapted for pasture purposes in north-central Iowa.

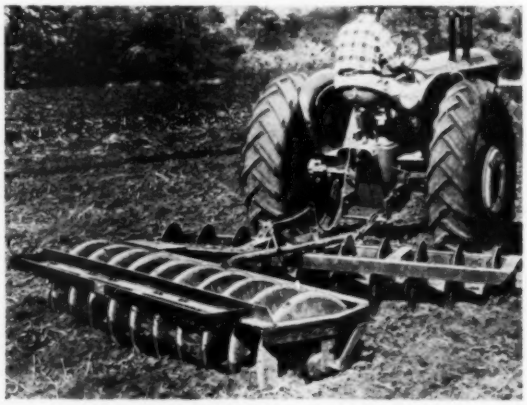
Wheat. The Wichita variety now is being certified by the Oklahoma Crop Improvement Association. It is recommended for use in the northwestern part of the state. It has a high test weight, good yield, and acceptable milling and baking quality.

Air conditioner

Cattle feed. Good feeder calves were finished Choice market grade on 39 bushels of corn in 235 days at the University of Illinois last fall. Other tests at the college showed that steers gained an average of 311 pounds in 158 days last spring on low-cost bromegrass or bluegrass pasture, both with clovers mixed in. This gain was valued at about $90 an acre, and the cost per 100 pounds of gain was only $9.94. The only grain or concentrate fed was 115 pounds of soybean meal.

Tomatoes. The setting of tomatoes can be speeded up about 2 weeks by use of a hormone spray on the flower clusters, according to Michigan State College. Size of fruit also is increased. The chemical is available under the trade name of Sure-set. It must be used according to manufacturer's instructions. Cost for the chemical should not exceed $5 per acre. END

Tractor cab



Offset disc harrows

The Tank Truck

Eagle Big Enough, registered 3-year-old quarter horse, nuzzles the shoulder of his master, Ed Breen. Mr. Breen says that by using Conoco N*th* Motor Oil he has held his overhaul costs to practically nothing.

Bingo! . . . and a brown bottle scatters to the New Mexico skies as Ed Breen, trick roper *and* crack pistol shot, swings up from the waist to catch his target on the first throw. He hits coins as easily as he hits bottles.

The Ropin' Rancher of Tucumcari!

A broken shoulder received while roping horses from a somersault put Ed Breen, Quay County, N. M., into the ranching business. Today he owns 7,000 and leases 3,000 acres of the finest grazing and feed land in eastern New Mexico.

Mr. Breen won his first major trick roping championship in Soldier Field, Chicago, in 1926. The following 3 years he spent as a trick roper with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus. When bad luck ended his big-time career, he came back to the land where he had grown up, and started raising cattle.

Today Mr. Breen is still one of the best trick ropers in the country. Last year he won 2nd in calf roping at the Kingman, Kans., rodeo. He seldom comes home without prize money jingling in his levi's. But ranching is his *real* business.

"I've been using Conoco Products in all my equipment for the past 8 years and I like them fine," Mr. Breen says. "I've driven my 1940 Ford pickup over 200,000 miles in all kinds of weather over dirt roads and right across the range. By using Conoco N*th* Motor Oil I've held my overhaul costs to about $75.

"Winter before last, when the weather was so awful bad, I had cows with little calves all over the range. When it gets cold like it did then, you're going to feed those calves or they'll die. With Conoco gasoline and N*th* oil, the pickup never failed to start . . . every morning she started right off and I never lost a calf.

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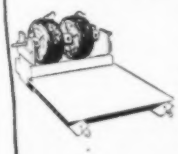
. . . by Mrs. Sadie E. Grover, Wellsville, Mo.

Select smooth medium-size potatoes. Pare a strip about ½ inch wide from around the largest circumference of each. Wash and boil in salted water until done. Cooked this way, the vegetable will be mealy—never soggy—and very easy to peel before serving. If served as cooked, the white interior, fluffing like lacy vests between gapping edges of brown jackets, forms a tempting sight. Can be dressed with salt, pepper and butter or thick sour cream.

Send your favorite recipes to Mrs. Annie Lee Wheeler, Conoco Cafeteria, Ponca City, Okla. Get a $7.50 pair of genuine Wiss Pinking Shears for each recipe printed here with your name. If duplicates are received, the one to be published will be determined by Mrs. Wheeler. All recipes sent in become property of Continental Oil Company.

FARM KITCHEN

Fence Wire Rack!



Mrs. D. J. Riherd, Stephenville, Tex., says her men folks thought up this rack for unrolling barbed wire when making fence. Can be made to fit on a regular sled or rock boat, or you can build it right on a sled.

Bale Tie Cutter!

A knife welded between the tines of a hay fork makes a good tool for cutting string bale ties, says Frank Symus, Whiting, Kans.

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PRIZES FOR IDEAS!

Send your original ideas to *The Tank Truck* in care of this paper—and get a genuine $8 D-15 Henry Disston Hand Saw for every idea that's printed!

A Growing Family...Farm work...Housework...

At last! Day is done and the Rich family snuggles up for a few cozy minutes before bedtime. Baby Elaine is off to dreamland already, but Johnny, Helen, and Elizabeth don't want to miss a word of the story daddy is reading. Mrs. Rich (her arms just naturally go around John) says, "We're as happy as newlyweds. And as much in love!"

How does Mrs. John Rich keep that Happy Glow in her Marriage?

"Elaine's baths, bottles, diapers keep my hands in water. They'd be red and rough if not for Jergens Lotion," says Mrs. Rich. "It makes them so soft...the way John likes them!"

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THE Farm Woman Speaks*

A woman's work is never done!

DESPITE push-button kitchen equipment and "newfangled" short cuts, it still takes a heap o' work to make a house a home. We thought it would be interesting to find out just which chore was the worst bugaboo to our women readers, so we asked them:

Question: Of the many household tasks which you perform each week, which of them do you like doing least of all?

Answers:†

Washing dishes	24.0%
Doing the laundry	16.9
Picking up after the family	16.6
Dusting furniture	15.4
Darning and mending	14.8
Cooking	8.9
Washing the separator	8.9
Mopping and dusting floors	8.3
Tending the fires	5.2
Packing school lunches	4.6
Waxing and varnishing floors	4.3
Making beds	3.4
Do not mind any household task	2.8

†The total is more than 100 percent because some respondents gave more than one answer.

"Washing dishes is a three-times-a-day drudge," said one woman. "Most of the other tasks are done less often."

Quite a few women disliked laundry chores. "With a large family, the laundry problem is endless," reported one homemaker. "Ironing makes me the most tired of anything," said another.

Picking up after the family is "tiresome—not from a physical, but from a mental point of view," according to one respondent. As for dusting furniture, one homemaker said, "I hope the day comes when builders manufacture devices to eliminate dusting!"

Darning and mending "seem hard to get done since you can put them off." When it comes to cooking, one lady commented, "I have no time to fuss or experiment—always too busy to bother." Packing school lunches is hard "because each one wants something different."

Washing the separator is "a big nuisance," according to one homemaker. "It doesn't fit in with my tasks indoors. I think the men should do it as part of their chores."

A few happy women said they really didn't mind any household task. As one homemaker expressed it, "I'm always looking for new ways to streamline my housework. That makes the time go faster, and the routine jobs don't seem so monotonous or tiresome." END

*An opinion survey conducted impartially thru a nationally known research organization.

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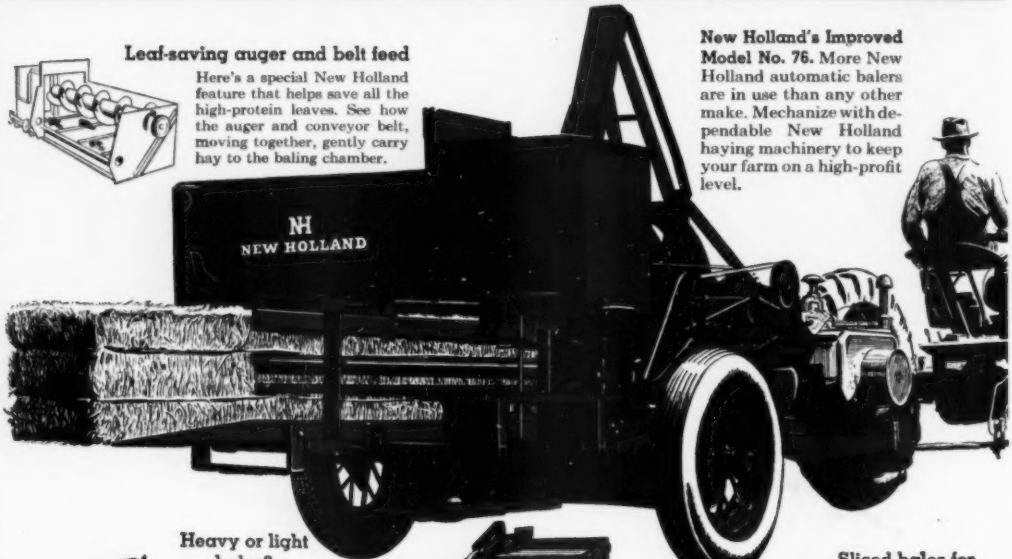

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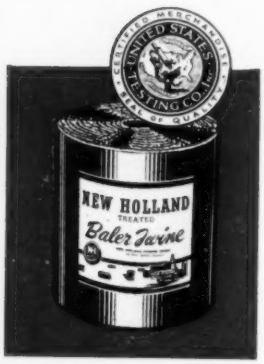

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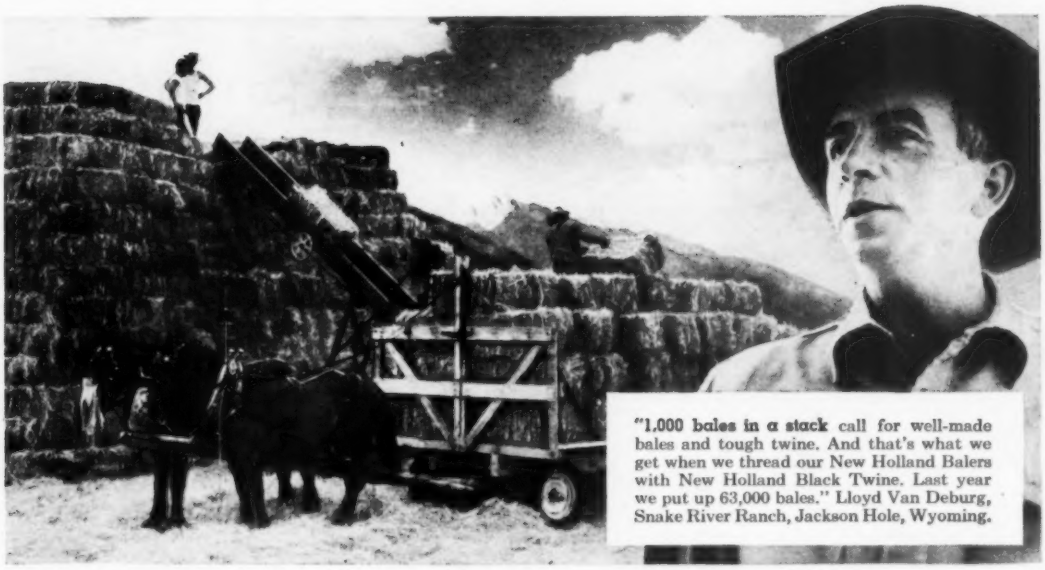

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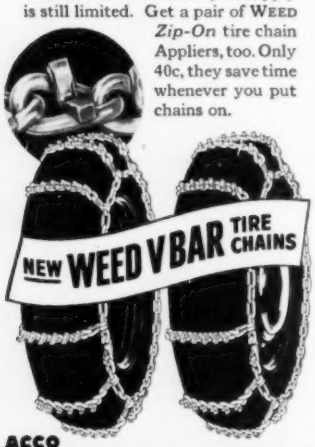

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THE FARMER'S Washington

By Richard Wilson

★ The farmers, not city labor, really elected Mr. Truman

★ Would tie corn and hog support prices to the corn-hog ratio.

Farm upsurge. Farmers may be surprised at this, but the impression prevails in Washington that President Truman's election was a labor victory. This same impression is reported from the Eastern big cities.

The emphasis is all on labor. It is conceded the farmers had something to do with electing Mr. Truman, but played only a secondary role.

Just how wrong this impression is has been shown by Louis Bean, farm economist and analyst of election returns. Bean, who has been around the Department of Agriculture for many years, was the nearest right of all the election forecasters. He said Mr. Truman would be elected if there were 60 million votes.

His analysis of the election returns is an eye opener for federal officials studying how to carry out the will of the voters. It shows, in fact, that labor all but *lost* the election for President Truman.

The industrial East and the big cities failed to turn out their usual majorities for the Democratic ticket. But the farmers changed their votes from Republican to Democratic and turned the tide.

Bean's figures. As Bean analyzes the election returns, the first turn of the Midwest farmer to the Democrats actually began in the 1942 election when a Republican House and Senate were installed. Then in 1947, the pollsters began to report a continued swing toward the Democratic party.

Nobody paid much attention to the polls on this point except former Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, and Bean, of course. Anderson figured that the Democratic party really could make hay among the farmers. He convinced the Democratic National Committee. So, while all the political experts said Anderson and his political henchmen were wasting their time, they began a systematic campaign to hold the farm gains already evident, and extend them.

In 1948, the harvest came in. When the votes were counted, two things were discovered: (a) The big cities and labor areas failed to run up their customary majorities for the Democrats; (b) the farm states showed amazing gains for the Democrats.

Here's the story in figures. Democratic losses under the 1944 returns were the following in these ordinarily strong labor-Democratic states: Connecticut, 4 percent; New York, 3 percent; Pennsylvania, 4 percent; New Jersey, 3 percent; Michigan, 2 percent; and Delaware, 5 percent.

At the same time the astonishing gains for the Democrats were these: Indiana, 3 percent; Wisconsin, 3 percent; Minnesota, 5 percent; Iowa, 4 percent; Missouri, 7 percent; South Dakota, 6 percent; Nebraska, 5 percent; Kansas, 6 percent; and Oklahoma, 7 percent.

And there was another astonishing fact. The Democrats lost strength on the West Coast. Washington, Oregon, and California all showed percentage losses. So did some of the Mountain states.

The lesson from Bean's figures is that all of a sudden the Democratic party has shifted its focus out of the South and out of the big cities to the agricultural and semiagricultural areas of the Midwest. It is true that no detailed breakdown of farm and town vote has yet been made.

But it is pretty clear that when states like South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa show such large percentage-point gains for the Democrats, there is about only one place it could happen. That is on the farms and in the small towns and market centers for the farmers.

This is bound to have a mighty effect in Washington. Just so there is no mistake about it, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan is seeing to it that President Truman gets the full picture of Bean's analysis of the vote.

14 to 1. Something really big may be coming along for Cornbelt farmers. There is a growing sentiment in U.S.D.A. to tie the corn-hog ratio at 14 to 1 for the purpose of fixing support prices for corn and hogs.

This will take a legislative change. It can't go into effect in time to affect the spring pig crop, but if Congress goes along, it may be done soon enough to affect the fall crop.

What is involved, of course, is having both the price of corn and the price of hogs move up and down, but always at the fixed ratio of 14 to 1—and that is a very favorable ratio for growing hogs, which is just what the U.S.D.A. wants the farmers to do.

High-level support prices. There may be a real drive for continued high-level support prices, without resorting to the flexible level of the Hope-Aiken Bill. That worries Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and the U.S.D.A., to say nothing of the Farm Bureau. It's the big issue now—firm price supports at 90 percent of parity, or so, vs. the flexible system. For a complete account of what Congress and Washington farm leaders are thinking, turn to page 45 of this issue. END

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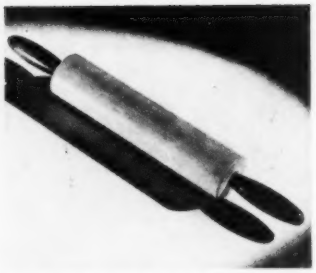
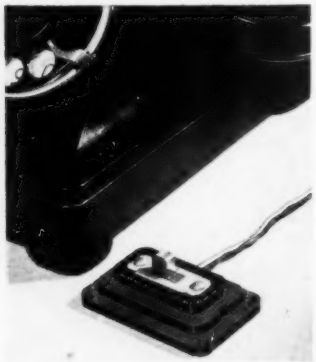
What's new in the home



You can bake a pie in half the usual time with this new, ball-bearing rolling pin. It spins easily over the dough, fairly taking the arm work out of rolling pastry! It's made of beautifully polished maple, with walnut handles. The roller is 10½ inches long; the handles are a generous 4 inches, to permit a firm grip. It's unbreakable, too, with a steel rod running from handle to handle. For the fastest, lightest rolling you've ever known, order this rolling pin from the *Miles Kimball Company, 5 Bond Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.* It's $1.95, postpaid.

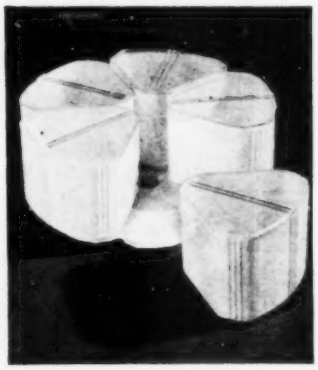


Carry on a telephone conversation without a trip to the radio to turn down the volume. This easily installed switch is mounted near the telephone; connecting wires fasten to the radio-speaker wires. Just slide the switch to turn down the radio; slide it back again when you're thru telephoning. The Rad-Lo switch comes in black, walnut, or ivory. Look for this switch in stores. Or send $1.95 to the *Nelson-Foote Manufacturing Co., Box 706, Boulder, Colorado.*

Investigate this giant edition of a coffeepot for those occasions when your family-sized number doesn't quite fill the demand. It's just the thing when the crowd gathers for a hot cup of coffee—plus refills! You can make as many as 18 cups of the steaming brew in this handsome aluminum, drip coffee maker. Measure the water in the top; when it has dripped thru, lift the top off by its heat-resistant handle, and serve the coffee right from the lower bowl. Look for this *West Bend* coffee maker in hardware and department stores. About $8.

No more squint when you thread your needle! This ingenious, little device does all the work for you automatically. Here's how to operate the threader: Insert the needle at the top, push the button, draw the thread thru slit on the side, and release the button. The needle is pulled out all threaded! A slicing lever at the side cuts the thread to the sewing length you want. *Artisan Galleries, Fort Dodge, Iowa,* will send the Thread-a-matic to you for $2.95 postpaid.

Dress up your furniture, woodwork, and floors with this transparent, plastic coating. It is skidproof, which makes it safe for floors. A damp cloth is all that is necessary to keep it clean. Continuous waxing is not necessary because the glossy finish is permanent. It resists hot liquids, acids, and weather-wear, and does not chip or peel. It is applied easily with a brush, dries in a short time. Look for *Plas-Tile Nu-Clear* in your local hardware or paint store; $2.75 a quart.



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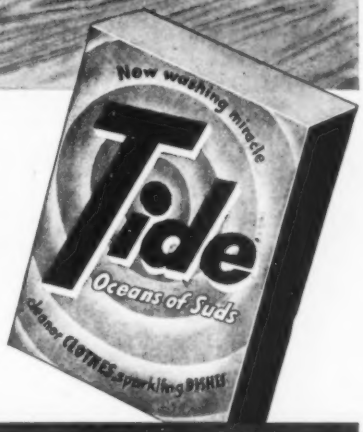

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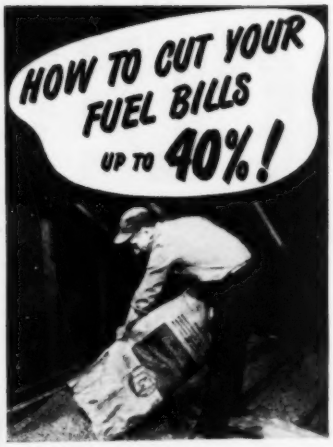

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The calendar makes farming possible

This bright paper tool is as necessary as your plow. It's full of entertainment, too

By Paul Gramling

THAT bright, cheerful calendar your banker, grocer, or elevator man will be handing you the next few days—ever think what a useful tool it is? It's about as necessary as a plow or combine when it comes to planning your farming operations.

Pretty hard to tell about planting, harvesting, or livestock breeding if it weren't for the old reliable calendar hanging on the wall. And your other activities soon would be in a mess without it. Such as trying to remember Sundays, the Fourth of July, Christmas, your wife's or husband's birthday, anniversaries, and so on.

Pictures courtesy U. O. Colson Company

Children, pets are favorites for humorous calendar art

NOWADAYS, your calendar is accurate. But it wasn't always that way. In olden times, wise men disputed loud and long over the proper markings and dates, as we'll mention later. And in the calendar's development lies a fascinating story—of history, science, humor, entertainment, and of a multimillion dollar industry.

The calendar plugged along for centuries as a mere recorder of dates—no pretty girls or daring hunters to enliven them as of today. Then about 1902, salesmen discovered the calendar as an ideal spot on which to place advertising messages. And the pretty pictures to draw more attention to the advertising.

Peaceful farmsteads are appealing. Title of above scene is "Comfort"

For strong outdoorsmen, hunting and wild animal pictures enliven calendar

In short, that's the why and wherefor of those attractive calendars your business friends in town will be handing you. About 135 million of the 1949 calendars will be distributed, with the peak between Christmas and New Year's.

For the calendar parade of 1949, humorous and juvenile pictures are out in front, followed closely by outdoor subjects, such as dogs, fishing, hunting, camping—often in a humorous vein. On this page and pages 72 and 73 are reproduced several of these subjects. Maybe some of these very ones will be showing up on the new calendars you'll be bringing home.

Anyone who can't smile over the baby's mischief?

Nip and tuck with the outdoor subjects are the girls, evenly divided between floral designs, bathing beauties, evening dress, and some less fully clad.

THE calendar makers supply their trade with a variety of subjects suitable for any age, any eye, any spot. The illustrations usually are reproductions of original paintings from the easels of some of the country's top-flight artists. Each year's calendar illustrations are planned and prepared several years in advance.

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4-H Clubs at the grass roots

Should you ever have any doubts about the future of country life in America, attend a typical 4-H Club meeting. The other night I was one of a few fortunate guests at a typical county 4-H Club annual dinner. With their fathers and mothers and leaders, the group was almost 500 strong.

Never shall I forget that fine assemblage of young people and the remarkable ability they showed in skits and songs and for their outstanding achievements. And how sorry I am that there will not be a place on the land in that county for every one of those young people when they are ready for their life's work.

There was a comforting thought, however, that those who do go to the city to spend their lives will take with them pleasant memories of interesting work and stimulating associations on the home farm.

It was gratifying in this meeting to observe the leadership made up of fathers and mothers from the farms of that county. Many were pointed out as well-to-do and prominent citizens in their locality. They were doing their level best to help the sons and daughters of neighbors in less fortunate conditions rise to the levels of which they were capable. Besides the personal gain young people gather from 4-H Club work, there is also in it a great lesson in democracy. The 4-H Clubs need a new surge of interest, both in the country and in the small towns. Too many of us have come to accept this contribution as a routine affair requiring little effort.

New sources of beef needed

As a breeding ground for a major portion of the beef consumed in America, the Western cattle country has reached its limits, in my opinion. We may expect small increases of various kinds as pressure for grazing land and the need for better range treatment develops.

I have been told by a number of Western cattlemen that they never would again attempt to carry as many animals on their ranches as they had done in the past. The protection of their grasses called for a more conservative policy. I am glad to find this evidence of responsibility among the cattlemen of the West. They have made a splendid contribution, and a vital one, to the development of our country. And furthermore, they will continue to be an extremely important segment of American agriculture. But we can't forget the rate at which our population is increasing, and the expected large demand for beef in the next 10 years.

I am convinced it is high time the American people, who should be led by American agriculture, are turning their thoughts to increased supplies of beef for the future. Shall we adopt a tariff policy toward Canada that will stimulate expansion of herds in the prairie provinces? Are there possibilities of expanding cattle production south of the Mexican border once foot-and-mouth disease is conquered? Some of my friends from Texas and the Old South insist that the next huge source of feeder cattle will logically come from the Old Southeast. They point to the development of crossbred, hot-country cattle, such as Brahmans, and the improvement of grasses and sanitation as sure signs.

I am concerned for the livestock man in the Upper Mississippi Valley and his future. Must he continue to pay higher and higher prices for feeder cattle, or will it be more economical for him to establish breeding herds, or rely on his neighbors to do so? After all, the investment in a breeding beef herd is a big one. Besides cattle, it includes adequate water supplies, fencing, cheap and adequate pastures, and some kind of shelter.

I doubt if we are going to be much interested in meat supplies overseas, where a war might immediately shut off communication lines. For the time being, at least, we have a big job surveying the situation on the continent of North America. It is time for energetic action.

Genetics for every day

The science of plant and animal breeding remains something of a mystery to the average person. Perhaps the word "genetics" adds to that sense of mystery, but it is a good word and one I think you must understand if you are going to be a farmer thru the next 20 years.

At every turn on the progressive farm today, the science of genetics assumes new importance. Time was that when a man went to the market for a new sire, he gave the subject a certain amount of thought and then dismissed it until another sire was needed. Now he has the annual problem of keeping up with the latest improvements in hybrid corn. Hybrid chickens, while not yet a sure thing, are making astonishing progress in numbers and achievement. We are in the midst of the hybrid-hog controversy. The housewife, in planting her spring garden, will owe a debt of gratitude to the plant breeder and hybridization, such as no early gardener ever dreamed would be possible. Man now is forcing the changes in plant and animal life which nature *might* have achieved—in a million years.

A week ago I heard the remarkable story of how the Swedes are succeeding with hybrid forest trees. Under identical conditions, the hybrid trees will produce as much pulpwood as the ordinary kind in two-thirds of the time. The Midwest, which needs so greatly a wave of tree-planting, might well interest itself in hybrid trees. The science of genetics is going to be mighty important in the life of the successful farmer in the years ahead.

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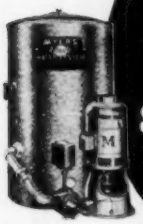

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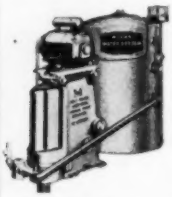

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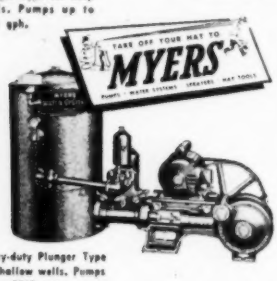

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Tips from our readers to help you save some time and extra work

● *Miss Bess Ritter, New York*, writes, "I always keep a pair of tweezers in my sewing basket. They're very handy to catch threads when ripping seams, or to draw threads out for hemstitching."

● If you have an old-style, wooden flour bin you'd like to replace with something more sanitary, here's an idea from *Mrs. Glenn Knaus, Missouri*, who recently remodeled her kitchen. The bin shown below is a lard can, which can be scalded and sunned. There is no place in it for weevils to hide. The boxlike support is hinged to the inside of the cabinet. With the lid in place and the cabinet door closed, the flour is kept clean, and the bin is out of sight.

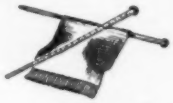
● Old phonograph-record albums are handy for holding sheets of sandpaper, according to *Norma Lair, Iowa*. The different grades of sandpaper may be seen easily thru the holes in the center.

● When you buy a sheer blouse, remove the buttons and sew a piece of fine tape down the button line on the wrong side. Sew the buttons back in place, fastening them securely to the tape. This will prevent the blouse from tearing at the buttons from undue strain, and will lengthen its life.—*Mary Porter, Pennsylvania.*

● For convalescing children (or grown-ups) still confined to bed, a cooky sheet will make an excellent writing table. It provides a firm writing surface, and the tiny edge prevents pencils and crayons from rolling away.—*Mrs. Clara Emery, Minnesota.*

● Here's a tip to help you save time when you need a piece of material from your scrap bag. Attach an extra-large safety pin to the top of your scrap bag. Every time you put a scrap of material into the bag, snip a small sample and slip it onto the safety pin. In this way you'll know exactly what the bag contains by looking thru the "pin file," instead of having to dig out the entire contents every time.—*Arlene Hornsby, Indiana.*

● Is the tape measure always getting tangled in your knitting bag? How about marking inch marks on one of your knitting needles as shown below? Some bright-red nail polish will do the trick. *Miss Myrtle Odland, Iowa*, adds that if you sew a lot, you might also want to mark off 4 or 5 inches on one of the blades of your scissors.



● For those of you who like a little variety, try adding a small amount of peanut butter to the melted butter you use on popcorn. It's delicious!—*Shirley Sharp, Wisconsin.*

● Afraid of breaking or nicking your good crystal or china when washing it? Then just line your dishpan with a folded dish towel, writes *Mrs. Lena Good, Ohio*. If you prefer it, a thick bath towel will have the same cushioning effect. Rubber mats, available in hardware and variety stores, make satisfactory cushions, also.

● Before starting to rip off a shirt collar that needs turning, mark both ends, with a pencil, where the collar should be on the collarband. This trick makes it easy to slip the turned collar in the exact place for stitching. After you've turned the collar, apply press-on tape to the frayed edge at the neckline. This will make it look better and last longer, reports *Mary J. Blunt, New York*.

● Here's a quick and easy way to make ice cream at home, and a method that takes all the arm work out of it. In the picture below, the freezer handle has been unscrewed and a ½-inch, slow-speed electric drill put on the shaft. A few minutes with the drill—held in the hands—and you have ice cream. If you have a drill which operates at a high rate of speed, use a speed reducer, warns *Mrs. Loren Thompson, Kansas*. The hand-operated ice-cream freezer is built, after all, for fairly slow speeds.

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Your letters to us

Who says the earth can't feed her people?

To the Editor: Permit me to comment on your stimulating article, "Who Says the Earth Can't Feed Her People?" in the November issue.

The author admits that everybody can't be fed with present population distribution and present levels of education and industrial development. He lists seven steps necessary to correct these hindrances to full production and distribution, and states that if these steps are taken, twice the earth's present population can be fed.

But what stupendous measures, these seven steps! It is very doubtful that they can be accomplished in the next 70 years, when the world's population will have doubled in size.

Furthermore, men need more than food. Until science and industry revolutionize present practices, much of the raw material for clothing and shelter will continue to be obtained from food sources.

Mr. Kellogg's own figures and predictions don't promise much hope for food for all except for a possible brief period—that is, unless population increase is halted by the year 2018. While working for the accomplishment of his seven steps, isn't it high time to be scared into popularizing birth control? Our own grandchildren may live to share the scarcities of the 2020's!

—*Mrs. Morris Nielson, Atchison, Kansas*

To the Editor: The November lead article, "Who Says the Earth Can't Feed Her People?" is tops. The many "sob-sister" articles on soil conservation that have appeared lately have slightly nauseated me.

We don't have to appeal to farmers on a sentimental, self-sacrificing basis to do good jobs of producing and conserving. All we need to do is to show them the way, and give them the results they can expect. This method may be a little slow but it is sure, and I've never been impressed with any other way.

—*H. M. Dail, Columbia, Missouri*

Consolidated schools extravagant

To the Editor: Let me express my views on our disgraceful farm schools. The underlying difficulty is the fast-growing, consolidated-school setup. It is not only expensive to the taxpayers, but is actually harmful to our children and to the future of agriculture.

Farm children are transported long distances to school by bus. They leave early and return late; the farm home has become for them merely a place to sleep. All day they are in an environment completely alien to the farm. Agriculture, our basic industry, is successfully carried on only by the folks who have been reared on farms.

This year, the taxes for consolidated schools will far exceed the most extravagant necessities we can imagine for our little country schools! Why not take the money which the consolidated school and bus cost and use it to improve these small schools? By so doing, we'll keep the children close to the farm, and have a more efficient educational system.

For one thing, why not spend our taxes on adequate training for the country schoolteacher? Make it possible for more people to go to a teachers college. A good, well-trained teacher in a farm school will accomplish as much or more than one in a consolidated school.

Then, why not provide funds to supply these schools with up-to-date textbooks, adequate equipment, and proper repair for the buildings?

One more thing, why not have superintendents chosen by civil examination? Now, anyone who can get the most votes can be a county superintendent. When the future of the world is involved, unhealthy politics should be kept out!

—*A former farm schoolteacher*

Pro and con on new format

To the Editor: I don't care for the new format of *Successful Farming*. Since I have no interest in the women's features, I don't like them marching thru the men's section of the magazine.

My wife had the same complaint. We both clip helpful articles for filing. This new setup is going to interfere because recipes and furnishings articles appear on the back of livestock and crops features. Change it back!

—*Robert Bice, New Milford, Ohio*

To the Editor: Successful Farming blossomed into a beauty of a magazine from cover to cover with the November issue. I liked the idea of bringing to the front homemaking articles which had been confined to the back of the book.

Also, since those real-life covers are a decidedly distinctive feature, it seems very pertinent to point up the story of the cover as you did in November.

—*Mrs. D. J. Faulconer, Bartlesville, Oklahoma*

Electoral college

To the Editor: I have read with a great deal of interest the article, "You Can't Vote for President," by Gordon Sabine in the November issue.

This is exactly the kind of an article I have been hoping would receive wide circulation. It is a subject the public is completely ignorant on, and one which is vitally important to the citizens of this country.

—*James H. Windsor, Des Moines, Iowa*

Likes historical articles

To the Editor: I was delighted to read the entertaining article on county courthouse wars in your November issue. Can't we have more? There are many fascinating tales to be told of the history of our Cornbelt.

—*B. V. Winebar, New London, Ohio*

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What's ahead for farming

By W. I. Myers. *Dean of the College of Agriculture, Cornell, and former head of Cornell's department of agricultural economics. For five years he was governor of the Farm Credit Administration in the debt-ridden years of the early 1930's. He is well known in government, business, and farm circles.*

THE economic forecasts have called for the inflationary bubble to burst. That's been going on for two years straight, but it hasn't happened yet.

There was one important reason the crystal-gazers were wrong in 1947. It was the simple fact that more food and other things than anyone expected went from American farms and factories to all parts of the world.

Then in 1948, altho exports declined, rearmament, construction of homes and factories, and tax reduction took up the slack. The result of all this has been a continuation of over-employment, feverish business activity—in short, a boom.

All-time peaks have been reached in farm prices, wholesale prices, employment, wage payments, and national income. But you know this can't last forever. Sooner or later, possibly within the next year or two—barring war—we will have a decline in prices and business activity until stability is attained at a somewhat lower level.

With the increasing tempo of rearmament and the continuation of European aid to take up any slack that might develop, however, a decline of any consequence in the general price level and business activity is unlikely at least during the first half of 1949.

But for the year ahead, most farmers should expect somewhat lower net incomes because farm costs will be higher than they have been in relation to the prices received. Feed will be cheaper, but other costs, including labor, machinery, power, and building will creep upward.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 1949

Debts and savings Keep debts at a safe level and build reserves in United States savings bonds. Debts are easier to pay off now than later, so put mortgages that can't be paid off now on a long-term basis at present low-interest rates.

Laborsavers Use more laborsaving methods. Farm labor still will be tight and wages high—not much change expected unless rearmament draws more men into plants and the draft calls increase.

Buying machinery Before buying machinery, study carefully your needs, costs, and savings. Be careful about buying expensive machines unless they will pay for themselves quickly. Continued exports, a short steel supply, and high wages are likely to hike prices a little more and curtail supplies of farm machinery.

Remodeling If you're financially able, you may wish to modernize your farm home and other buildings, but be cautious about extensive new building because of extremely high costs. You may expect the supply of cement to continue short, but there should be some improvement both in quality and quantity of most farm-building materials.

Buying farmland Be cautious about buying farmland at 1949 prices, especially if you have to go heavily into debt. Moreover, this is not a good time for beginners to start farming on credit. It is safer if they work for wages, or rent until readjustment is over and the future clearer.

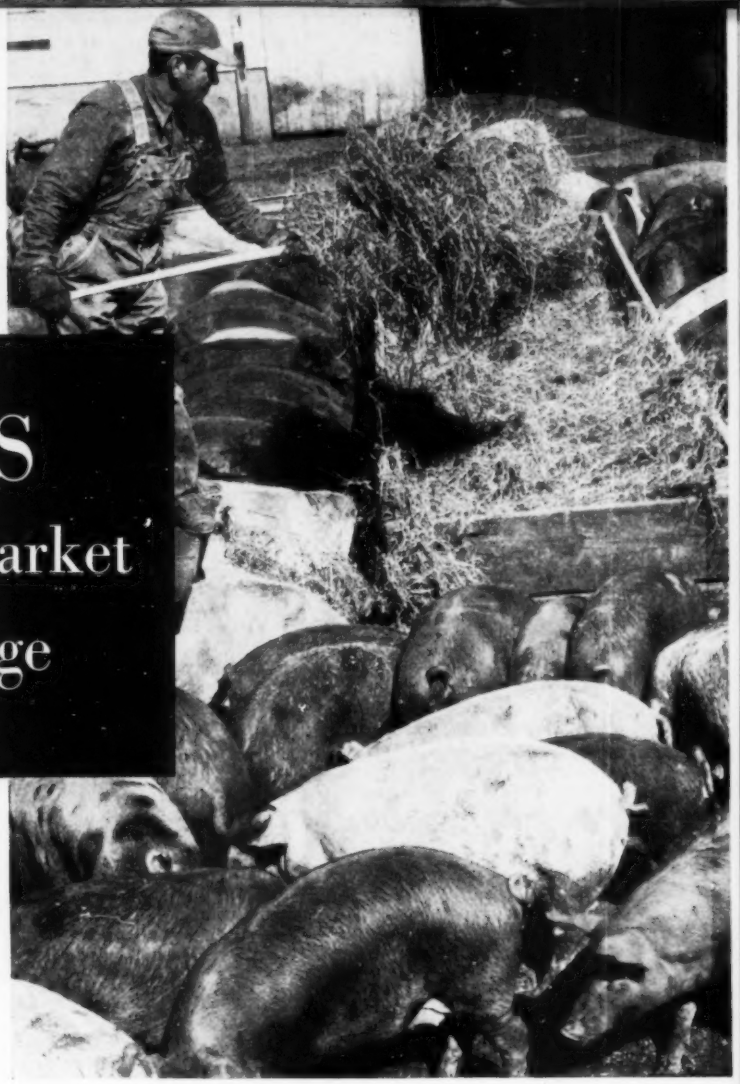
Order fertilizer Order fertilizers now if you haven't already done so, and apply them according to soil needs.

Best methods Make full use of research on problems of agriculture and farm life thru the Extension Service, farm magazines, and farm organizations. Use of improved varieties of crops, new methods of insect and disease control, better breeding and feeding of livestock, soil-erosion control, and more efficient marketing and purchasing will pay dividends.

Now, let's briefly list the outlook for farm commodities:

Dairy It will pay to keep all your cows that are fairly good producers, and grain-feed them liberally for high milk production. Milk and butterfat feed ratios will be more favorable because of lower feed prices. Demand for milk and dairy products is not expected to weaken to any great extent and prices are expected to average about the same as in 1948.

Poultry Farmers probably will order more chicks early and feed heavily. Here again the chicken-feed, egg-feed, and turkey-feed ratios ahead look better than a year ago. Farm prices of eggs may be slightly higher during the first half of 1949, and lower the rest of the year, tending to make the average price about the same as in 1948. Because of lower feed prices and record chicken and turkey prices during 1948, farmers are certain to hike poultry numbers this year. This may result in lower farm prices the latter part of 1949. [*Turn to page 104*



HOGS
a bigger market for forage

Don Frakes finds high-quality forage can be 26 percent of hog's rations, compared with national average of only 5 percent

IN THE conventional Cornbelt tradition, hogs have meant corn, and corn has spelled soil depletion and erosion. The more rolling the land, the more critical the problem.

Don Frakes, Wright County, Iowa, has experimented with hogs and forages on his own farm, which is Class I land. Observations have led Frakes to the conclusion that conservation and improvement of our soil resources are intimately associated with the management and feeding program of livestock.

Hogs could eat more hay. The feed consumed by hogs on a national basis shows that only 5 percent of their feed nutrients come from forages and 95 percent from grains. As for the nation as a whole, hogs are consuming about 40 percent of the total corn produced. That wouldn't indicate that hogs could rate very high as consumers of pasturage and hay, but Frakes had greater hopes.

With the apparent acute hog soil problem, as Frakes was able to comprehend it, he started to emphasize quality forages in his 1947 fall pig enterprise. He began with the brood sows just before pregnancy. His purpose was to find the value of large quantities of high-quality forage in hog production and the consequent saving of grains.

Any accomplishment in this direction would help develop a better soil fertility and land-use program, with larger ratios of sod crops to row crops.

How gilts handled. On April 15, 1947, 51 head of Duroc-Chester White crossed gilts were sorted from the 1946 fall pigs. The gilts were divided into 3 pens of 17 head each. Their ration before sorting consisted of shelled corn, protein, and mineral—all self-fed.

After sorting, the gilts were taken off corn and protein and put on a half feed of oats for four days. By April 23, the oats were increased to a full feed. The gilts also were put on a half feed of protein, and this was increased to a full feed by April 25 (2 pounds per head daily).

Gilts get no grain. The boars, including a Minnesota No. 1, Duroc, and Poland China, were turned in April 25. On May 15, the gilts were taken to high-quality red clover-timothy pasture. All feed grains were removed from the gilts when they went on pas-

Photographs by Marion Pease

Gently rolling land characterizes the Frakes farm, in Wright County, Iowa, where this practical farm test was conducted. Yet, more forage and less corn will be fed to hogs in future

Bacon produced by hogs fed high percentage of forage scored excellent from standpoint of uniformity and texture; superior with respect to marbling; and all right for firmness

← Don Frakes found that brome-alfalfa hay, on a dry-weight basis, at times could make up nearly half the ration. He prefers long hay over chopped, for chewing helps digestion

By Maurice E. Heath

ture until July 5, a period of 51 days.

The meadow had been fertilized with 250 pounds of 0-20-10 per acre at time of seeding. The gilts had access to mineral while on pasture, but consumed less than 100 pounds during the entire period of pregnancy. The condition of the gilts during the 51-day grainless period remained excellent, with some gain in weight being observed.

Starts grain feeding. On July 5, Frakes started to feed whole oats of very good quality and protein (45 percent) to the gilts. The oats was increased over a week's time until the gilts were on full feed (self-feeder), and the protein was increased until the gilts consumed 100 pounds daily. This ration continued until a week before farrowing, at which time the protein was cut in half.

Gilts farrow, go to grass. Provided with individual pens in a shady grove, 36 gilts farrowed the last week in August and the first week in September. On September 4, the earliest litters were moved into brome-alfalfa pasture. By the end of a 2-week period all 36 litters were on brome-alfalfa.

The remaining 14 gilts farrowed in the same grove about three weeks later. They were run on a red clover-timothy pasture of fair quality. One of the 51 gilts failed to get with pig.

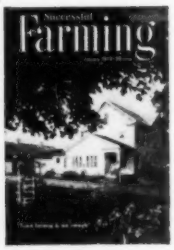
Following farrowing the gilts were self-fed a ration of whole oats, and the pigs were hand-fed hulled oats in creeps. Protein was hand-fed.

On November 11, the 263 pigs farrowed by the 36 gilts were brought in from pasture to the concrete feeding floor. On November 25, the 103 pigs from the 14 sows were put on the feeding floor. These 103 pigs were fed on a limited ration of oats and corn the first 2½ months because of sickness that developed following vaccination. It is believed that the sickness was the result of improper time of vaccinating.

Start hay feeding. Green, leafy, second-cutting brome-alfalfa hay was fed in the bunk to the large lot of pigs, beginning November 23. It took several days before the pigs became accustomed to the hay and reached their full consumption.

It was observed that at the end of the first four weeks of hay feeding, one manure-spreader [*Turn to page 91*

"Good farming is not enough"



. . . say the Spaces—cover subjects this month—about their family's record of 144 years on the same 160 acres. Their interesting argument for adding good living to the "formula" is reported by William Ward

With Millbrook's buildings in the background, Ralph Space makes a hurry-up repair on the binder reel

THERE have been members of the Space and West families around the farming community of Dryden, New York, for quite some time. Since 1790 to be exact. And what's that got to do with you?

Well, we're going to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Space and their son, Ronald, now. And we're going to try to find out not only what keeps a family farming in one community for 159 years, but also how one farm of 160 upstate acres can support a family bounteously and keep them contented for 144 of those years. Maybe you can use a couple of the answers on your place, too.

AS YOU have guessed from the dates and figures above, Edward Griswold (Ralph's great, great great-grandfather) and John West (Mrs. Space's great, great, great) came into the territory as discharged soldiers of the American Revolution and claimed their share of the land granted by an appreciative New York legislature.

Of course, the last traces of the first Space log cabin have long since gone, but Ralph and Zetta did remodel an old mill that was built about 100 years ago by Ralph's maternal grandfather. From that old mill [*Turn to page 110*

Zetta (Mrs. Space) plays, Ralph turns the music, Ronald listens, for a typical Space family "time off" in the pleasant, heirloom living room

Photographs by Marion Pease

Eat, drink, and be slender

FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH

FOR YOUR GOOD LOOKS

FOR A LONGER LIFE

A SLIM look of well being in either a man or woman needn't mean a starvation diet. You can exchange a 50-inch waistline for a more handsome one just by the wise calculation of things called calories.

A calorie is the measure of the fattening tendencies of food. It sounds technical, but it isn't. We have prepared a list of foods with the amount of calories each contains, so your job merely consists of selecting foods to make the proper total before you eat. A longer and healthier life is yours for the doing.

First, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, here's the way to find out how many calories you need each day to lead your active life. Estimate the ideal weight for your height and build. Most weight charts are for the *average* person. If you're large-boned, add 10 to 15 percent. If you're small-boned, estimate a little under the weight given on the chart.

Now multiply your ideal weight by 15. This result is the number of calories you need each day. The food eaten in excess of what is actually needed turns into fat.

Next, reduce the answer by one-third. The result is the calorie quota for each day that will take off your excess poundage safely. For example, if you weigh 190, but your ideal weight is 140, here's how you figure:

140 x 15 = 2,100 calories
One-third of 2,100 = 700 calories
2,100 – 700 = 1,400 calories

The last figure is the reducing quota for each day using 140 as ideal weight. Use your own ideal weight and calculate your reducing quota in the same way.

Don't expect miracles in the first few days. By the end of two weeks, however, if a few pounds haven't disappeared, cut your daily calories a few more until you're losing one or two pounds a week.

By planning meals carefully, you'll find you can leave the table feeling satisfied, as well as healthier. Fill up on low-calorie foods for bulk. Include each of the following daily, for health:

Milk . . . . . **1 pint**
Vegetables . . **1 serving of yellow or leafy green**
1 serving of another
1 serving of potatoes
Fruits . . . . . **1 serving of tomato or citrus fruit**
Eggs **1**
Meat . . . . . **1 serving**
Whole-grain cereals
1 or 2 servings

When you've arrived at your ideal weight it's time to stop. Start increasing the calories until the scales say you're holding your own. No more, no less. It's trite but true, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, especially when it comes to bulges!

One more word of important advice, however. If you're overweight for some other reason than just too much good, country cooking, see your doctor. He's the one to advise you as to treatment in your particular case.

Calorie chart

BEVERAGES

Calories	
85	Buttermilk, 1 cup
120	Cocoa, ¾ cup
0	Coffee
25	Coffee cream, 1 tablespoon
75	Ginger ale, 1 glass (1 cup)
85	Milk, skim, 1 cup
165	Milk, whole, 1 cup
0	Tea

BREADS

Calories	
100	Biscuits, baking powder, 2 small
100	Boston brown bread, 1 slice
100	Bran muffins, 2 small
200	Corn bread, 2-inch cube
55	Cracked-wheat bread, 1 slice
40	Cracker, graham, 1
15	Cracker, soda, 1
235	French toast, 1 slice
100	Griddle cake, 1
25	Melba toast, reducer's delight, 1 slice
100	Roll, Parker House
350	Roll, sweet, frosted
75	Rye bread, 1 slice
225	Waffle, 1
60	White bread, 1 slice
100	White bread, raisin, 1 slice
75	Whole-wheat bread, 1 slice

BUTTER, CHEESE, AND EGGS

Calories	
80	American cheese, ½"x1"x2" slice
110	Butter, 1 tablespoon or 1 square
105	Egg, fried, 1
140	Egg, scrambled, 1
75	Egg, soft- or hard-cooked, or poached, 1

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wash waste

Wasted acres

We all want more land. Yet 9 out of 10 Cornbelt farms have idle or partly used acres. Putting even one back to work is just like finding money

By Jim Roe

AN ACRE of good farmland is worth anywhere from $250 to $500. Rightly farmed, it will produce yearly crops that are worth from $50 to $200 and on up.

Nearly everybody thinks he's such a good farmer that his talents really should be spread over more acres. Each of us knows he would be a huge farming success, if he only had a few more acres of ground.

Yet, in spite of all this hunger for land, hundreds of thousands of acres of the valuable stuff lie idle year after year, all thru the richest areas of the Cornbelt.

There's probably some on your farm. You have your money invested in it. You pay taxes on it. You often go to great effort to farm around it.

Some is easy to see, like the awe-

Poole

wet spot waste

winding ditch waste

Photographs by Jim Roe

some erosion above. Some is hidden, unless you look for it. And some you do not see simply because you've become accustomed to it.

I walked over an Indiana farm where a tiling machine and dragline were rescuing 35 acres of 75-bushel cornland. Land that hadn't been farmed for 50 years. No one had thought of the possibility of farming it again, until a professional farm manager took over the farm, and was horrified at the waste of good land. From the air, I've spotted thousands of drainage ditches like that.

I've walked thru dozens of cornfields early in June, to count how many hills of corn were missing per 100 steps. The kernel of corn your faulty planter doesn't drop won't feed many cattle next winter.

Every April, it's a rare Cornbelt farm that doesn't support at least one wet spot. You either stay off the whole field until it dries, or sneak up to the edge and turn around—hoping the disc doesn't mire down. Many of these wet spots keep 5 or 10 acres soggy—and many go into beans or buckwheat when you'd planned them for corn.

Bigger tile, simple crushed-stone catch basins, or shallow grassed ditches, would turn most of these part-time lakes back into respectable, profitable corn ground.

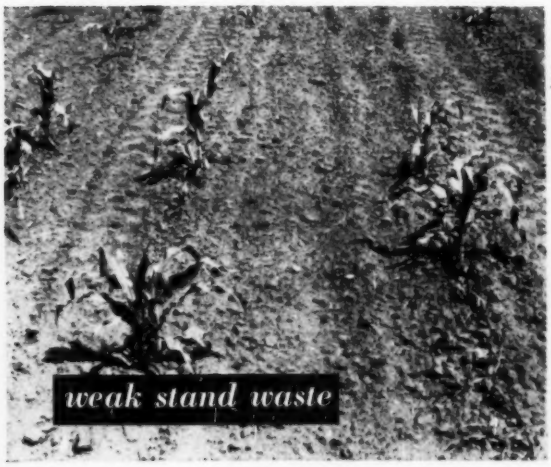
Weeds, stones, brush. That's the total production of lots of pastureland.

Why? Well, partly because we use for pasture the land we think is good for nothing else. Partly, because we think all we should have to do to a pasture is make sure the fence is tight.

What we never think of is the fact that good pastureland, well managed, will bring in more profit than good corn ground. In Illinois tests, bromegrass and bluegrass pastures, mixed with clover, yielded $95 worth of beef to the acre. And the steers did all the harvesting!

Low fertility and poor soil structure are harder to see. But they're probably the biggest cause of wasted acres. Until you test your soil for its fertilizer needs, and make sure it's in good tilth, you never know that your 50-bushel land actually might be capable of giving you 75.

You are a manufacturer of food. Your farm is the factory, each acre a machine. Think for a moment. Are there any idle ones you could put back to work? END



weak stand waste

weedy pasture waste

Mrs. Van Camp, a Nebraska home demonstration agent, campaigns for kitchens that . . .

Cook as good as they look

Above: Daughter Sharon is chief helper in George Segard's compact kitchen. Note convenient "U" arrangement, space economy

Right: "Cut-out" shelves above mixing center in Segard kitchen make it easy to spot desired articles

Below: Mrs. Segard's cabinets, built to eliminate waste space, include half-shelves and filing partitions

By Tracy L. Van Camp

THIS is a story of what one group of farm women has done to make their 101 kitchen duties lighter and more pleasant.

It all started one afternoon two years ago at a kitchen clinic, soon after I had taken over the duties as Home Demonstration Agent for Buffalo County, Nebraska. The 10 homemakers present at this clinic wanted help in kitchen arrangement. Two were building new kitchens. The remainder planned to remodel, and had drawn their kitchens to scale, indicating the location of equipment.

We began by studying the three basic arrangements of a functional kitchen, the "U," "L," and corridor. Work in a "U" arrangement is centered on three sides, the refrigerator on the right, the sink in the center, and the range on the left. The "L" kitchen has work centers on one side and at the end of the kitchen. The corridor type is planned for the long, narrow room, with the work centered on either side. Each woman decided which arrangement would best fit her space and needs.

That first clinic started the ball rolling; other women in the county became interested and joined the [*Turn to page 54*

Below: For little over $300, the Ed Smallcombs remodeled their kitchen in an "L" arrangement. A door was removed so window and sink could be installed. Cabinets were made from used lumber

Color photograph by Suter

Above: The snack bar, which was built in the Dale Stubblefields' remodeled kitchen, is a favorite meeting place for college friends of daughter Jeanne (using popper). Kitchen was enlarged by removing partition between old kitchen and pantry. Steel cabinets were specially fitted to fill the old kitchen wall area

Left: Mrs. Stubblefield finds her kitchen-dining combination convenient. In compartment at north side of bar, in reach of the table, she stores linens, silver, bread and dry cereals; shelves at end of bar house her waffle iron, coffee maker, toaster, and pitchers for daily use

More kitchens, page 54 →

Aerial cultivator

Photographs by E. P. Sylwester, Richard W. Hufnagle, Dr. R. F. Fuelleman

Trailer

Mounted

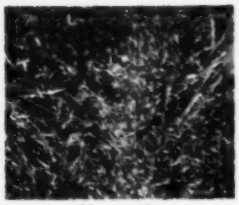
Pull cart

Variety of equipment gets good results shown below

Strips missed by sprayer

Thistles

Oats, treated



Untreated

Misuse can cause the troubles below

Clover stands sometimes suffer

Overdose on wheat

Soybeans are sensitive

NOW

weedless grain and pastures

Here's what happened when farmers sprayed big acreages of grain and pastureland. They're even killing weeds out of legume seedings!

By H. J. Collman

TIME was, you could blame weedy grainfields on the previous tenant, the weather, or that rascal who sold you uncleaned seed. Brush and thistles in the pasture could be explained away by mentioning the wind, birds, and the varied disadvantages of wielding a scythe in July.

Now, 2,4-D has taken the steam out of all those stories. At the same time, it has made it easy for you to have your fields so clean that no excuses are needed. This weed killer still is relatively new. Yet thousands of farmers applied it to millions of acres of grains and pastures this past year.

Their success tells us we need no longer tolerate weeds. Even in grainfields with a legume seeding, 2,4-D is an ace in the hole, ready to clean out large or small outbreaks of yield-cutting, combine-clogging weeds. This is something new.

Russell Fairall, in Licking County, Ohio, killed thistles out of a Ladino-clover seeding, without hurting the clover. Near Webster City, Iowa, a farmer set the volume low on his sprayer, and sprayed 40 acres of grain which was seeded to red clover. He reported but little damage to the valuable stand of clover.

One trick which seems to help—when spraying a legume-seeded field—is to let the weeds grow to a fair size before spraying. Then, the weeds catch most of the spray, thus protecting the seeding. Combined with a light 2,4-D application, this has given pretty good results for farmers.

Rates of application vary with the crop, and with the toughness of the weeds you're out to kill.

In small grains, with normal weeds such as mustard, ragweed, and cocklebur, ¼ pound of 2,4-D in the ester form, or ½ pound in the amine form, usually does the job. If the weeds are of a little more rugged breed, such as thistles, creeping jenny, or wild lettuce, you'll probably want to double that rate.

All these rates are in terms of *pounds of 2,4-D per acre*. Different commercial formulations contain different percentages of 2,4-D. Because the chemical itself is what does the killing, you'd best fish a pencil out of your pocket and figure how many gallons of the diluted material you're going to need to get the right amount of actual 2,4-D.

Best time to spray grains is when the crop stands from 6" to 10" high. You may have to wait a little longer than this if you want the weeds to grow high enough to act as an umbrella for the seeding.

Temper this a little according to how good a legume stand you have, and what it is. If you have an exceptionally good stand, maybe you can afford to lose a little. If the stand is pretty poor, and the weeds bad, it might pay you better to kill out the weeds, even if you lose the legume.

Alfalfa seems to be the most sensitive, with sweet clover a little more tolerant, and red clover still a little better able to take care of itself.

Weed Specialist E. P. Sylwester reports this Iowa State College test, which sheds a little light on the problem of how to handle seedings. Using the ester form of 2,4-D, an eighth of a pound gave fair weed control, and did little harm to the seeding. A fourth of a pound gave very good weed control, but did a fair amount of damage to the seeding. Half a pound of 2,4-D left absolutely no weeds, but it left no seeding, either. And a pound of the acid to the acre injured the small grain crop.

But remember this: These results will vary according to the weather, and the stage of growth of the plants. Always be careful when using 2,4-D on legumes. Keep your rates as low as you can, and be careful of overlapping swaths when you spray.

The use of 2,4-D on flax still is something of a question mark. Under some weather and growth conditions, flax is as susceptible to 2,4-D as are the weeds. And different varieties show different tolerances.

But the farmers who gambled—and sprayed flax this past season—won their bets. When sprayed, some fields were so weedy you couldn't see the flax. It was a case of losing the crop to weeds, or taking a chance on 2,4-D. A lot of those fields kicked out 15 to 20 bushels of flax to the acre!

In any event, you'll want to hold down the volume of 2,4-D on flax. For normally susceptible weeds, use not over ⅛ pound of 2,4-D in the ester form per acre, or [*Turn to page 113*

From ready mixes

By Martha Quinn

TO YOUR table come these delectable desserts made "jiffy quick" from a box! Each time you make them you are sure to have the same good results, because the mixes you start with are precision-measured.

Look at the tasty dishes in the picture at the right. All came from packaged fudge, ice cream, and gingerbread mixes. Try the recipes below; then make some creations of your own. You'll agree that it's fun and easy to let packaged mixes help you to better and speedier meals.

Chocolate Fudge-Whipped Cream Chiffon Pie

Makes one 8-inch pie

Beat.....**3 egg yolks** until light
Add.....**½ cup water**
½ envelope unflavored gelatine (1½ teaspoons)
½ package commercial, quick chocolate fudge mix
Beat until smooth.
Bring to boil, stirring constantly.
Remove from heat; cool mixture thoroly.
Beat.....**3 egg whites** with
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
until stiff but not dry
Fold whites carefully into cooled chocolate mixture.
Pour into baked, 8-inch pie shell.
Chill.
Spread with **whipped cream**
Decorate the top with shaved **semi-sweet chocolate.**

Quick-Mix Chocolate Brownies

Makes two 8-inch-square pans or one 9- by 13-inch pan of brownies

Sift together:
1¼ cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
⅛ teaspoon salt
Add.....**1 package commercial, quick chocolate fudge mix**
Stir in...**2 eggs,** well beaten
½ cup melted butter
3 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup chopped pecans
½ cup raisins (optional)
Mix thoroly.
Pour into two 8-inch buttered pans.
Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes.
Cut in squares or finger lengths.
Sprinkle..**confectioners' sugar** on top.

Toasted-Almond Fudge Frosting

Frosts one 8-inch, two-layer cake

Make frosting with
1 package commercial, quick chocolate fudge mix
Follow exact directions given on package of the mix you use.
Frost cake between layers, on sides and top.
Sprinkle..**¾ cup slivered, toasted almonds** on top
Variation: Strong or double-strength coffee may be used in place of the regular liquid called for in recipe.

Peanut Brittle-Ice Cream Croquette Sundaes

Prepare..**vanilla ice cream,** using **1 package commercial, vanilla ice-cream mix**
Fold in...**¾ cup crushed peanut brittle**
Freeze according to directions.
Shape ice cream into cone-shaped croquettes or balls.
Roll until coated in **toasted coconut**
Arrange two croquettes in each serving dish.
Top with **hot** or **cold fudge sauce** and **maraschino cherries.**

Tutti-Frutti Baked Alaska

Prepare..**1 narrow, refrigerator tray of ice cream** using
1 package commercial, vanilla ice-cream mix
Before pouring ice cream into tray, fold in
½ cup chopped red and green maraschino cherries
¼ cup crushed pineapple
¼ cup finely chopped nuts
Freeze according to directions.
Cut.....**one 5- by 9-inch angel-food or yellow-sponge loaf cake** into two layers

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Fudge

Chocolate Fudge-Whipped Cream Chiffon Pie

Quick-Mix Chocolate Brownies

Toasted-Almond Fudge Frosting

Ice Cream

Peanut Brittle-Ice Cream Sundaes

Tutti-Frutti Baked Alaska

Double-Rich Stick-Candy Milk Shakes

Gingerbread

Gingerbread Waffle-Ice Cream Sundae

Cream-Filled Gingerbread Dessert

Frosted Gingerbread Boys

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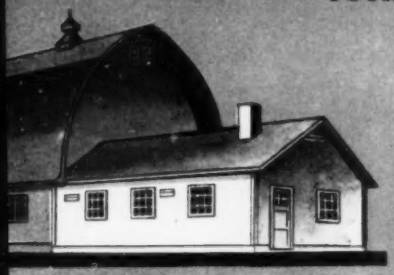
FOUR ARRANGEMENTS—ONE BASIC PLAN



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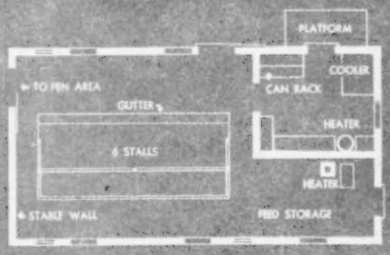
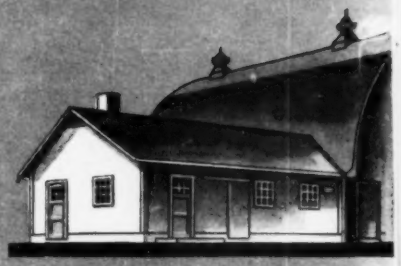


Floor plan above exactly matches drawing at left where barn and milking room run end to end. The hookup above right—end to side—calls for turning the floor plan itself side for side and then end for end



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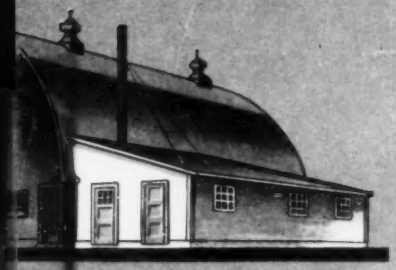

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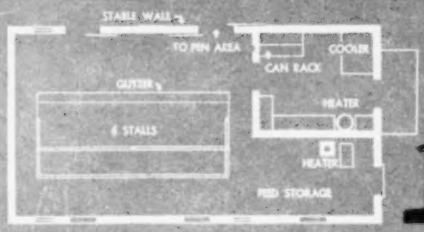
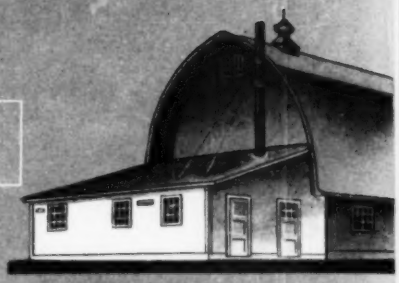


For side to side, above left, floor plan above must be flipped end for end and the heater stove piped across milkhouse to the stack. Same piping for side-to-end setup, which otherwise matches plan "as is"



SIDE TO END

Successful Farming presents a laborsaving, low-cost

milking room

Designed by A. H. De Golyer
Agricultural Engineer

THE pen-stable and milking-room system of keeping dairy cows offers a chance to modernize a dairy business at a low cash outlay. Or to change over from some other kind of farming to dairying both quickly and easily.

This is true, of course, only where your present buildings can be adapted. Often with an outlay of from $2,000 to $3,000, an operator can fix over a barn, add a milking room such as the one shown here, and be ready for sanitary production of milk right away. Compare the estimated cost above with from two to eight times as much to remodel or build new a conventional, stanchion barn.

If we face the facts, we'll have to admit, tho, that not all operators have found pen stabling a bed of roses. To be successful, the setup has to be planned so that all operations can be done quickly, so that laborsaving equipment can be used, and so that the milking room and the milkhouse within or next to that milking room can be easily cleaned—and kept sanitary.

So much for the general system of the run or free-area barn. Now let's consider a milking room and milkhouse to match it. Economy of construction, arrangement to save time and steps adaptable to fit many situations, and comfort for the operator should be provided in a milking-room plan. The milking room shown on this page has an arrangement that meets these requirements. In addition, it offers you many little items that make for [*Turn to page 120*

How to get plans: A set of four plan sheets (each 17 by 23 inches), plus a list of the materials needed to build this milking room, may be had for only $1. From your local lumber dealer, if he is a cooperator in our Building Program, or postpaid from this magazine. When ordering direct, please send $1 to Successful Farming, 2001 Meredith Building, Des Moines 3, Iowa. And don't forget to mention the number of this plan—49S01.

Photograph by Richard W. Hufnagle

It's not the cattle—it's you

All kinds can be moneymakers. Farm visits in four states show that many cattle feeders handle the same kind consistently, and have good reasons for doing so

By C. E. Hughes

HARRY MUIR of Faribault County, Minnesota, has fed cattle for 32 years, and he stoutly affirms that calves are his dish. Right in the same county, Fred Fenske plunks for Western branded cows weighing 800 to 950 pounds. And about seven or eight others in this article all have their systems which they follow pretty consistently, for reasons they believe to be sound.

Whether you agree or not, you might be interested in knowing why one cattle feeder handles his operations one way, while his neighbor across the road, with the same type of land and markets, may have an entirely different system of management.

Let's get back to Harry Muir for a minute. While he's an old hand in the cattle-feeding business, he still takes a conservative view and casts his lot with calves because of the lower risk involved.

Harry looks at it this way: He pays twice as much for a 750-pound yearling as for a 375-pound calf, but gets more gain per pound of feed from the calf. Two-year-old cattle take about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as much feed per pound of gain as calves; yearlings eat about $1\frac{1}{4}$ times as much.

THEN there's another thing that Muir likes about calves—if they're bought weighing about 375 and sold at, say, 750, he doesn't stand the chance of losing so much on a down market because he's paid cash for only half the selling weight. Furthermore, when the market isn't right, he can hold on and keep feeding calves at a lower cost per pound of gain. It's a flexible setup, for he can limit the feed or "whoop it to 'em."

But Fred Fenske looks at cattle feeding in a different way. He feeds for a short turn, rather than holding them for a year as Harry Muir does. For this purpose, [*Turn to page 68*

Oven done!

Four carefree meals that cook, roast, and bake while you're out of the kitchen. They save you both time and money

By Carolyn Schenk

45-minute oven meal 350°

De Luxe Apple Dumplings
Quick-Baked Beans With Bacon
Date-Bran Bread
Cabbage Creole

1-hour oven meal 350°

Rich Pecan Pie
Pineapple Glazed Ham Loaf
Buttered Parsley Loaf
Mexican Stuffed Peppers

OVEN done! Delicious, wholesome, economical meals that trim kitchen time to a minimum.

It's as easy as this. You prepare your favorite foods, or the ones we've suggested on this page and on pages 78 thru 81. Choose foods which will cook at the same temperature and approximately the same length of time. Select utensils which fit into the oven without too much wasted space. Then arrange them so there is free circulation of air on all sides.

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More photographs, menus, and recipes on pages 78 thru 81

New Congress may change farm program

Leaders disagree. Agricultural committee chairmen plan drive to continue farm price supports at 90 percent of parity level

WHEN the Eighty-first Congress convenes in January, the people will have their first real chance to see the results of last November's election.

It's always a gamble what Congress will do, especially before the members have even been seated. But the way things are shaping up, it's a safe bet that some of the hottest fireworks in the coming session will be in the field of agricultural legislation, especially price supports for farm products.

Back of the oncoming battle is the wide disagreement among new agricultural leaders in Congress, U.S.D.A. officials, and major farm organizations.

Congressmen expect to act on a variety of farm problems

Along with the move to change the present price-support law, the Eighty-first Congress is almost certain to take action on a number of other things of vital interest to farmers.

If the new congressional leaders have their way, price supports for farm products in future years will be held to at least 90 percent of parity and definite provisions made for the widespread use of acreage allotments and marketing quotas.

If this country gets another shot at the International Wheat Agreement, Capitol Hill will be far more favorable toward it than last year.

Early action will be taken toward changing the Commodity Credit Corporation charter regarding the storage limitations of that organization.

Other matters of importance include combining the Soil Conservation Service with the Extension Service, reorganization of the United States Department of Agriculture, and another attempt to write a long-range farm bill.

You can expect many changes because of the sweeping Democratic victory. There'll be new faces in Congress. But more important than that fact, the Democratic majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate means a change of leaders in Congress and the chairmen of the various committees whose job it is to study and make recommendations on the many, many bills before Congress.

Of major importance to American farmers is the fact that Representative Clifford R. Hope (Republican, Kansas) and Senator George D. Aiken (Republican, Vermont) will lose their influential positions as chairmen of the House and Senate Agricultural Committees. These Congressmen were instrumental in writing and advancing the present price-support bill.

In the new Congress, Clifford Hope will be replaced as chairman of the House Agricultural Committee by Harold D. Cooley (Democrat, North Carolina). At the same time, Senator Aiken steps aside as chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee to be replaced by Senator Elmer Thomas (Democrat, Oklahoma).

Would hike price supports; impose production controls

Despite persistent rumors of the last few months, there isn't a chance that the new Congress will knock down present price supports for farm products in 1949. If the cotton South has its way, support prices will be kept at the 90-percent level instead of flexible supports in 1950. [*Turn to page 63*

Senator Aiken

Congressman Hope

Secretary Brannan

Senator Thomas

Congressman Cooley

By Verlo Butz

Fireplace side of living room balances the curved sofa on the opposite side. The room is cozy without being cluttered. The chairs are covered with heavy satin, the windows curtained with lovely sheer marquisette to allow a maximum of light to enter the room

Office and sunroom are combined. Mr. Anderson finds the many windows helpful to his desk work, while a day bed and lounge chair offer places to relax as well

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The Andersons studied their needs

Planned suitable rooms around them

Built this charming, livable home

Central rear hall saves unnecessary travel thru other rooms. This hall at the Andersons permits direct traffic to the bathroom, basement, kitchen, upstairs, or front of home

AN IDEAL home is suited to the interests and activities of the family. That's what the Percy G. Andersons near Fremont, Newaygo County, Michigan, felt when they decided to build in 1937. So they planned their Dutch Colonial, two-story farm home to fit their style of living.

Mrs. Anderson, who is interested in art and paints many of the pictures in her home, worked out her own color schemes. The dining room, living room, and office are connected by French doors. She decided, therefore, to use three shades of green to co-ordinate them. In the office she used a clear-green, in the living room a grayed-green, and in the dining room, yellow-green. Her kitchen has light-blue and dark-blue walls, with red trim.

For help in the planning of their home, Mrs. Anderson called on the decorating studio of Herpolsheimer's Department Store in Grand Rapids. Together they chose a rust-rose shade of carpeting to be used in the living room, hall, and dining room. You will note that the draperies have a floral design with shades of rose, rust, and green leaves on a white background.

The Andersons looked for furniture next. They wanted simple, pleasing lines first of all—and, of course, comfort. They selected special fabrics for the coverings of the fireplace chairs and circular sofa. The chairs are changeable satin—under some lighting, rose; under other, gold.

THERE are three bedrooms and a bath upstairs, and a recreation room in the basement.

Wise planning and practical furnishings have made the Andersons' dream for comfortable living a reality.

Living room color scheme creates a feeling of quiet elegance and blends with Mrs. Anderson's own still-life paintings. Note how well the big curved sofa breaks the long wall area

Home faces the driveway, making it convenient for guests to come to the front door. Spacious, landscaped lawn makes a lovely setting, is also an invitation to good outdoor living

Kitchen is a U-shaped plan. It is compact to save steps for Mrs. Anderson, yet has adequate work surfaces and storage space. The dining corner is convenient for hurry-up meals

Dining room is sunny, pleasant. Wall-to-wall carpeting blends living-and-dining areas together

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Ham-Split Pea Soup
Serves 6

Soak . . . . . **1 cup dried split peas** overnight
Drain peas; cover with
3½ quarts water
Add . . . . . **1 small ham hock**
½ cup chopped onion
Cook until ham is falling off bone.
Remove hock; cut ham in small pieces.
Make white sauce with
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
Add pea mixture; cook until thick.
—Mrs. Ralph Emmick, Illinois

Rich Oyster Chowder
Serves 6

Cook . . . . **¼ cup chopped onion** in
3 tablespoons butter
Add . . . . . **1 pint oysters,** cut in half
¼ cup chopped celery
2 cups cooked, diced potatoes
½ cup cooked, diced carrots
4 cups milk
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
Bring to boil; add paste made of
1 tablespoon flour
¼ cup water
Stir until mixture is thickened.
Add . . . . . **1 cup oyster liquid** or **water**
Reheat but do not boil.
—Mrs. M. E. Foust, Pennsylvania

Cream of Carrot-Potato Chowder
Serves 6 to 8

Cook in salty water until tender:
2 cups diced carrots
2 cups diced potatoes
Cook in saucepan 5 minutes:
¼ cup butter
½ cup chopped onion
Add vegetables and
4 cups hot milk
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
3 frankfurters, sliced
Heat to boiling point; serve hot.
—Mrs. R. L. Pease, Nebraska

Upside-down cakes

Serve these hot or cold, with or without whipped cream, for dessert or refreshments

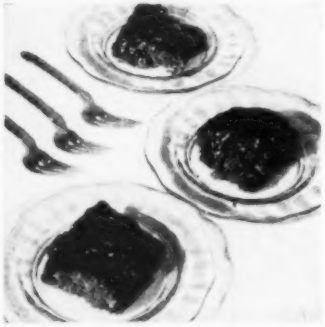
Coconut-Caramel Cake
Makes one 8-inch-square cake

Cook in 8-inch pan until blended:
6 tablespoons butter
⅔ cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons water
Add 1 cup toasted coconut
Sift . . . . . **1¼ cups sifted cake flour**
1¼ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup sugar
Cream . . . **¼ cup butter**
Stir in dry ingredients and
1 egg, well beaten
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Beat vigorously 1 minute.
Pour batter over coconut mixture.
Bake at 350° (moderate) 50 minutes.
—Mrs. C. H. Mann, Indiana

Photographs by Stanley

Cinnamon-Apple Cake
Makes one 8-inch-square cake

Mix . . . . . **½ cup butter**
1 cup light brown sugar
2 tablespoons light cream
Spread in 8-inch-square baking pan.
Arrange . . **2 cups sliced apples** in pan
Sift . . . . . **1½ cups sifted flour**
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
Cream . . . **¼ cup shortening**
¾ cup sugar
Beat in . . . **1 egg**
Add dry ingredients alternately with
½ cup milk
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
Pour batter over apples.
Bake at 350° (moderate) 40 minutes.
—Mrs. Paul Heise, Kansas



Cherry Upside-Down Cake
Makes one 8-inch-square cake

Cook over low heat until thick and clear:
½ cup light corn syrup
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup cherry juice
Add.....**2 cups drained, canned cherries;** pour into pan
Sift.....**1 cup sifted flour**
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
Beat.....**2 eggs** until thick
Blend in **¾ cup sugar** gradually
Stir in.....**1 tablespoon water**
½ teaspoon almond extract
Fold in dry ingredients.
Pour over cherries.
Bake in slow oven (325°) 70 minutes.
—*Mrs. Theodore Ridenour, New York*

Chocolate Upside-Down Cake
Makes one 8-inch-square cake

Sift.....**1 cup sifted flour**
¾ cup sugar
1½ tablespoons cocoa
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
Add.....**2 tablespoons butter**
¾ cup milk
¾ cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Beat 2 minutes; pour in greased pan.
Mix together and sprinkle over batter
1 cup sugar
¼ cup cocoa
Pour.....**1 cup hot water** over cake
Bake at 350° (moderate) 35 minutes.
—*Mrs. F. D. Evans, Ohio*

Orange Upside-Down Cake

Arrange in greased, 8-inch-round pan:
½ cup brown sugar
8 or **9 thick orange slices**
12 maraschino cherries
Sift.....**1¼ cups sifted cake flour**
¾ cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
Add.....**⅓ cup shortening**
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Beat 2 minutes.
Add.....**1 egg,** unbeaten
Beat 2 minutes; pour over fruit.
Bake at 375° (moderate) 30 minutes.
—*Mrs. Irene Wolf, Michigan*

Hearty soups and chowders

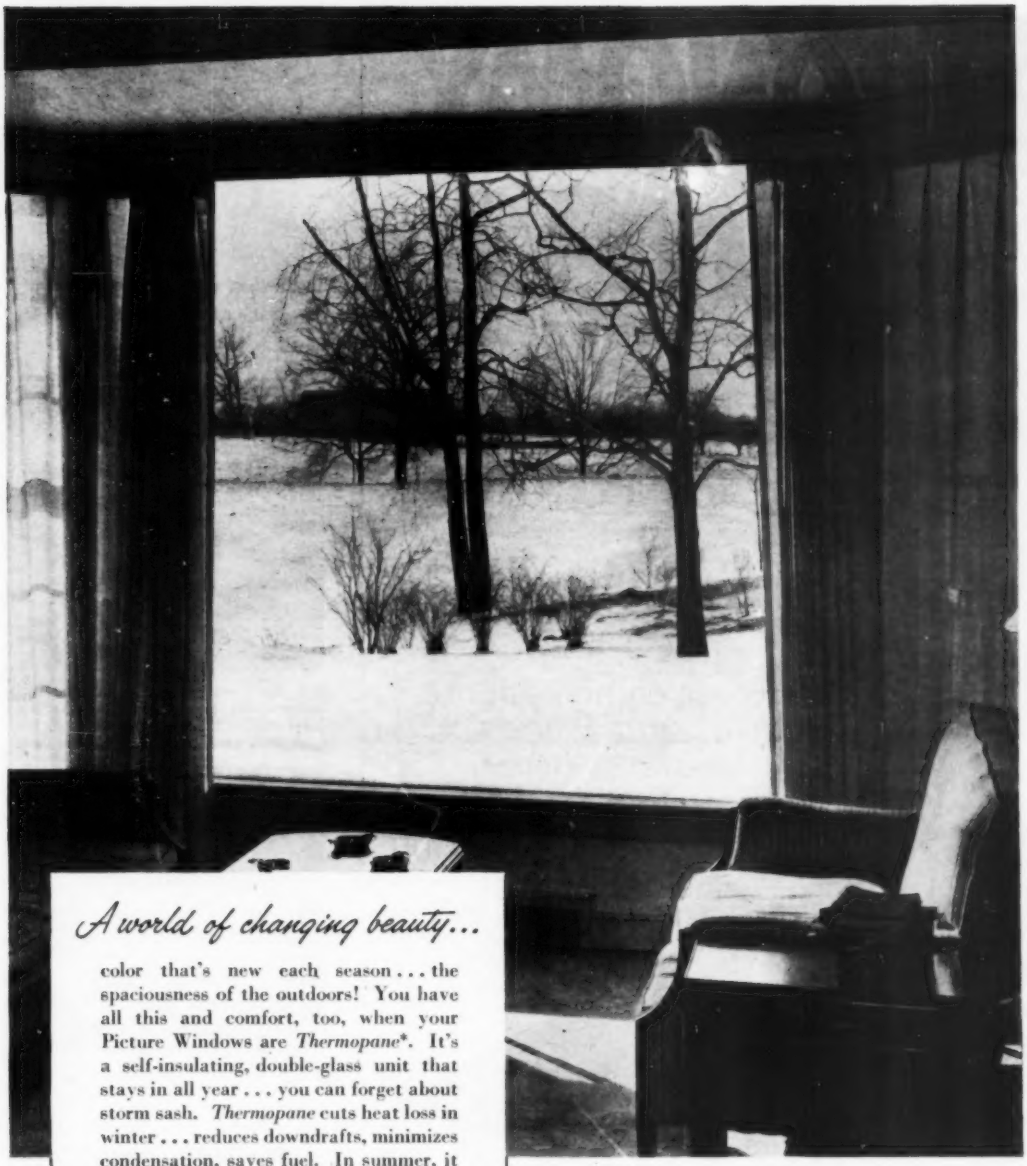
Hot, nourishing soup or chowder hits the spot on blustery days. These are country style and good

Country Chowder With Pork
Serves 6 to 8

Soak 2 hours in 4 quarts cold water
½ pound dried Lima beans
Add.....**2 small, fresh pork hocks**
1 tablespoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 bay leaf
Simmer slowly 1½ hours.
Add.....**1 large potato,** diced
2 large carrots, diced
1 large onion, diced
1 cup cabbage, cut in small pieces
½ cup tomatoes
½ cup cut green beans
Cook 30 minutes over low heat.
Serve piping hot with the pork cut from hocks.
—*Mrs. Adelia Kubasiak, Michigan*

Hearty Vegetable-Beef Soup
Serves 6 to 8

Simmer 4 hours, or until meat is tender
1 meaty soup bone (beef or **knuckle of veal)** in
3 quarts water
Remove soup bone; cut meat from bone.
Put part of meat into broth; reserve other part for hash or croquettes.
Add to broth and meat:
1 cup chopped onion
2 cups chopped celery
2 cups tomatoes
2 cups sliced carrots
2 cups diced turnips
Simmer until vegetables are tender.
Season to taste with **salt** and **pepper.**
—*Mrs. Mary Lee Chapmann, Missouri*



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Tips for the cook

Ideas that add sparkle to meals, and make food preparation simpler

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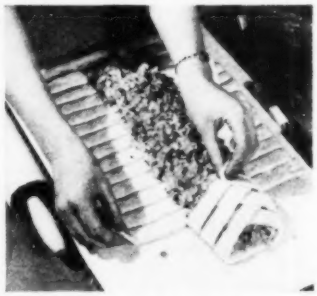
● To flavor roasts subtly, fasten pieces of onion, garlic, or olive on toothpicks and insert them so food rests against meat. The juices drip down in roasting, basting meat

● Nest eggs in a bed of hot, mashed potatoes, mixed with chopped bacon and onion. Bake until eggs are set; sprinkle salt and grated cheese on eggs before they are done



● Make meat pie from leftovers. Roll regular biscuit dough in ½-inch-thick rectangle. Fill center with mixture of meat and vegetables. Cut dough in strips from filling to edge. Lace strips together. Bake 45 minutes

● Season leftover mashed potatoes with onion, parsley, and pimiento, then sandwich between 2 slices of luncheon meat. Bake 15 minutes at 325° on baking sheet

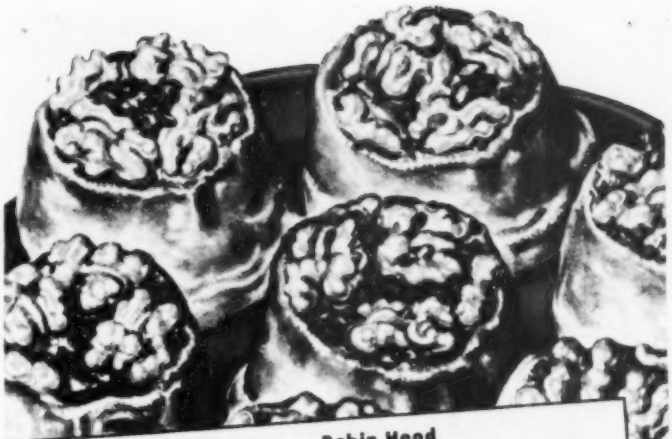
● Arrange apples, stuffed peppers and stuffed tomatoes in greased muffin pans before putting them into oven to bake. They will keep their shape and be easy to remove

● Grand at any meal is a buttered parsley loaf. Trim off top and side crusts. Cut loaf in two lengthwise down to, but not thru, the bottom crust. Cut crosswise in squares. Brush with butter and chopped parsley. Place in a hot oven in loaf pan until edges brown

● Cream sauces seasoned with Tabasco sauce are delicious for hard-cooked eggs, chipped beef, and chicken a la king. Add 1/8 teaspoon of Tabasco sauce to 2 cups of cream sauce before removing from heat.

● A new, tasty way to prepare veal steak or chops is to dredge the meat in finely crushed corn flakes or yellow corn meal. Brown on both sides in fat; cover, cook on low heat until tender. Serve with sour-cream gravy.

● If leftover mashed potatoes always mean potato cakes the next day, vary the routine by shaping into balls, rolling in corn flakes, and baking in a greased pan at 375° for 15 minutes. Serve piping hot. They're delicious!



Robin Hood

Walnut Cinnamon Buns

Recipe by Rita Martin

3 tbsp. butter
¼ cup sugar
½ tsp. salt.
1 cup milk, scalded
1 cake compressed yeast or 1 pkg. granular yeast
3½-4 cups sifted ENRICHED ROBIN HOOD FLOUR
2 eggs
Brown Sugar, Butter, Cinnamon, Walnut halves

METHOD

ADD—butter, sugar and salt to scalded milk; cool to lukewarm.

DISSOLVE—crumbled yeast in milk mixture; add 1 cup of flour and beat with rotary beater until well blended; add eggs and beat again.

MIX IN—remaining flour and blend well; allow dough to rest, covered, on molding board for about 5 minutes; knead dough until smooth.

LET RISE—covered, in warm place until doubled; punch down and knead slightly.

PAT—or roll out dough into a rectangle ½ inch thick, brush with melted shortening, sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon.

ROLL—dough lengthwise and seal the edge; cut roll in 1½ inch pieces.

PLACE—1 tsp. brown sugar, 1 tsp. melted butter and several walnut halves in bottom of well-greased muffin pans; place rolls cut side down in muffin pans, and let rise until light.

BAKE—in moderately hot oven, 375°, 18 to 20 minutes.

TURN—pan upside down onto baking sheet and allow pan to remain over rolls for a few minutes.

YIELD—2½ to 3 dozen medium-sized rolls.

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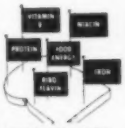

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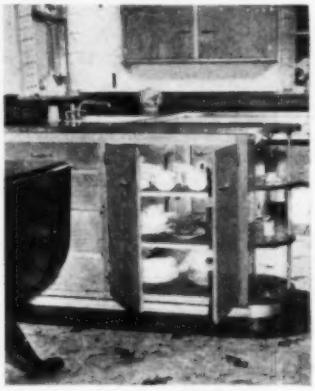
weekly classes. To date, many kitchens have been remodeled in the county.

It was at this first clinic that Mrs. Dale Stubblefield began to make plans for her present large, charming kitchen. It is pictured on page 37, showing Bob and Jeanne Stubblefield entertaining their friends, Larry Haug, of Shelton; Mary Lippincott, Gibbon; Janet Walford, Gresham; and my son, Rex Van Camp.

She found the answer by removing a partition between the old kitchen and a pantry to the south. This enlarged the kitchen to twice its former size. A peninsula with range and serving unit on one side, and a breakfast bar on the other, was built where the wall stood. Cabinets and a sink were installed under the window to the south. This window, incidentally, is bordered with glass bricks which admit light and add cheer to the room.

Another triumph which grew out of the clinic is the compact, U-shaped kitchen in the George Segard home (page 36). It was built on when their home was remodeled. Upon an invitation from Mrs.



The Alton Lowells built a timesaving peninsula and service unit between their kitchen and dining areas, shown above and below

Segard, I visited this home. We drew floor plans for the addition, determining the size and space requirements by using scaled "cutouts" of the equipment.

Once the equipment, windows, doors, and storage units were located, it was easy to see where extra wall or floor space was needed. We wanted the room sized to suit the family needs, in keeping with their income.

Mrs. Segard now works from left to right. (With her former arrangement, she had wasted time backtracking.) The kitchen with its three units is convenient now. Her food-preparation unit is located between the sink and refrigerator; her cleaning unit is in the center of the room, with the sink under a window. And to the left is the cooking-serving unit with the range as a center. Cupboard files and shelving were built to fit Mrs. Segard's equipment, and arranged to prevent extra steps, needless stacking, stooping; and reaching. Cabinets are at proper height for this tiny homemaker.

The remodeled Ed Smallcomb kitchen has an interesting history. At one time, it was 20'x20' with a 4'x4' pantry at the end. A typical "grandmother's kitchen"

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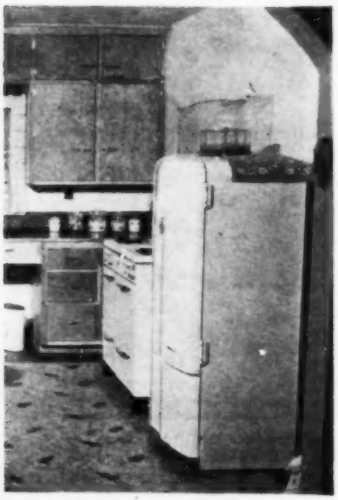
Pull-out storage shelves, open on both sides, make preserves and canned foods easily accessible in kitchen of the Ed Tollefsen home



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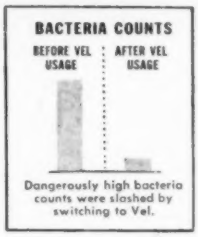

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where many steps were wasted. This room was divided, and now is 9′x20′ in an "L" arrangement (page 36). The pantry was enlarged into a utility room with an outside entrance. The men and children can wash here before coming into the kitchen.

Mrs. Alton Lowell was another homemaker who attended that first clinic. The Lowells had lost their home by fire and were building a new one. The plans and fundamental principles gained at the kitchen clinic were the basis for her "U" kitchen arrangement.

Unique feature of this kitchen is the peninsula with built-in china cupboard (page 54). It divides the kitchen from the dining area. China is stored on the kitchen side after being washed, and removed on the dining side when the table is set. In the drawers near the table, Mrs. Lowell stores silver, linens, and other accessories for serving. The feature is a great timesaver.

Another of our homemakers who utilized a small space to good advantage is Mrs. Evan Hartman. Her attractive, remodeled kitchen is packed with labor-saving ideas. In her oven preparation unit she has a file for oven glassware; near the refrigerator, trays are filed. Pull-out shelves, shown on page 57, fit her utensils. The sugar and flour drawer, placed just below her mixing center, prevents stooping, making the contents easy to reach when Mrs. Hartman stirs up a cake or rolls piecrust.

IF I were to put a finger on the one secret back of a satisfying kitchen, it would be planning—careful planning so that the equipment and storage space is arranged to save steps and eliminate needless work. You, as a farm homemaker, spend many hours in the kitchen. Why not make those hours pleasant? On the opposite page is the check list which the women of our county are using in their kitchen-planning work. I hope it will serve as a guide for you.

Mrs. Tollefsen finds this "Lazy Susan" revolving shelf under her corner cupboard convenient and roomy for storing bulky articles

Tin-lined drawer below mixing unit in Evan Hartman kitchen holds flour, sugar. Utensils are filed in drawer with sliding partition

Author examines three-tiered, pull-out shelves in Hartman kitchen. They are floored with linoleum for easy cleaning

Is the kitchen comfortably heated and ventilated at all times?

Are traffic lanes away from my work area?

Is the floor easily cleaned?

Can I work from left to right?

Is there adequate storage space for supplies, utensils, and kitchen linens?

Are they located near unit where used?

Is equipment as complete as possible?

Is it in usable condition?

Is refrigerator located near sink, worktables, and range?

If two stoves are used, are they conveniently near each other?

Is there adequate work area on both sides of the sink?

Is the height of the sink comfortable?

Is it near the worktable, range, and refrigerator?

Are hot and cold water available?

Are the worktable, cooking center, and sink well lighted and arranged to prevent glare?

Is the height of the worktable comfortable?

Is the worktable covered with material easily cleaned?

If the kitchen is large, is there a small table or tray on wheels to save steps?

Is the color scheme of the kitchen well planned and enjoyable? **END**

Why high prices?

"THE price of meat is sky-high! Something must be done to roll these prices back to a 'fair' level."

"The bottom has fallen out of the corn market! Something has to be done to raise the price of corn back up to a 'fair' level."

Statements like these have been heard in nearly every butcher shop and elevator across the land. They are made by consumers and farmers alike who have government controls as the "something" in the backs of their minds. These remarks illustrate the one indisputable fact about prices—the prices of things we buy are always "too high"; prices of things we sell are always "too low."

Farmers recently have had more than their share of the blame for high prices

Nothing is wrong with this attitude in a competitive society such as ours. However, people who constantly turn to their government to "do something" about individual prices which are not "right," probably are not clear as to just what a price tag means in our free-enterprise system.

The American farmer has come in for more than his share of criticism, because food prices have shot up much faster than other prices. Also, because the farmer has price floors guaranteed by the government, the consumer has been more than willing to lay the blame for high food prices at his doorstep. Because of the tendency to blame someone for high prices, we need to take a long, appraising look at the price tag on food.

The housewife walked into the butcher shop last fall to buy the family meat. She found that the price tag on pork had been marked up. Why? What had happened?

First, that price tag carried a story of reduced production. Our corn crop in 1947 was poor. Hogs are largely corn on the hoof, so the short crop meant that available feed supplies for hogs were sharply reduced. Hog producers in the fall of 1947 were faced with feeding scarce, high-priced corn into not-so-high-priced hogs. The government was asking consumers to eat less meat thru the food-conservation program. The corn-hog ratio was low. Profit chances looked slim.

In a society such as ours, the individual has the right to choose how he will use his time and money. Generally, he will abandon or reduce doing those things in which he is making a relatively small profit. He will enter into or increase those things which are making him more money.

The American farmer did just what anyone would do.

The price tag told farmers: "People want other things more than they want pork." As a result of these "price-tag orders," farmers farrowed 8 percent fewer sows and produced 3 percent fewer pigs in the spring of 1948 than a year earlier.

The price tag on pork in the butcher shop has a job to perform for consumers, too. Since fewer hogs were raised last spring, there has been less pork in the butcher shops this winter. However, consumers have money with which to buy something. It is evident that there isn't enough pork to go around in the same style as a year ago. Who, then, is to get the available pork?

When given a chance to work, prices can regulate markets better than government can

The price tag gives the answer. It tells the housewife that if she wants meat she will have to pay the price. Actually, the price tag tells the consumer, "Here's the price, take it or leave it!" In this way, prices act as the automatic ration card for scarce items.

Given a friendly atmosphere in which to work, price tags on almost all items give orders in the same way—and in a fairly efficient manner. Prices will act as the go-between for producers and consumers. They tell the farmer what the consumer wants, and move into consumption that which the farmer already has produced. It is a good thing for both producers and consumers to stop and think a little of the tremendous and efficient job which the simple price tag does.

This system of free-market price tags, of course, is not the only way to accomplish the large and complicated job of producing and consuming. In our price-tag system, necessary directions are given by millions of people, each acting in his own selfish way.

Right now, in some countries these same directions are being given by small groups of government people who are telling farmers what to produce and consumers what to eat.

Those who would tinker with prices should recall unpleasant days of war controls

Those who are ready to shout for price controls and those who would freeze farm prices should think back a few years. In 1945, during the days of price ceilings, rationing, and subsidies, it was thought wise to hold prices below the level to which they would naturally have gone. At the same time, it became necessary to assure each consumer his "fair" share of the products by giving him ration coupons. Our over-all food production in 1945 was about the same as in 1948 from the standpoint of quantities available. Yet, there was a big difference.

In 1945, butcher shops were filled with long lines of people, each with his ration coupons and fighting to get his legal [*Turn to page 62*

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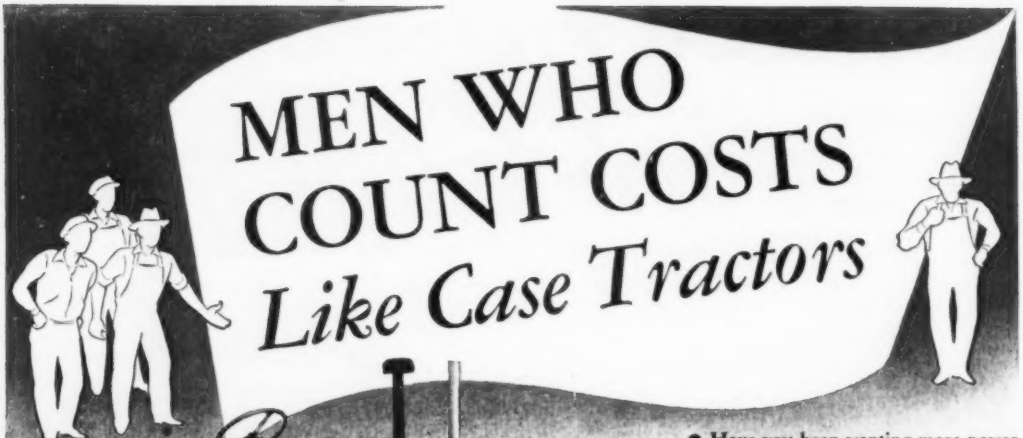

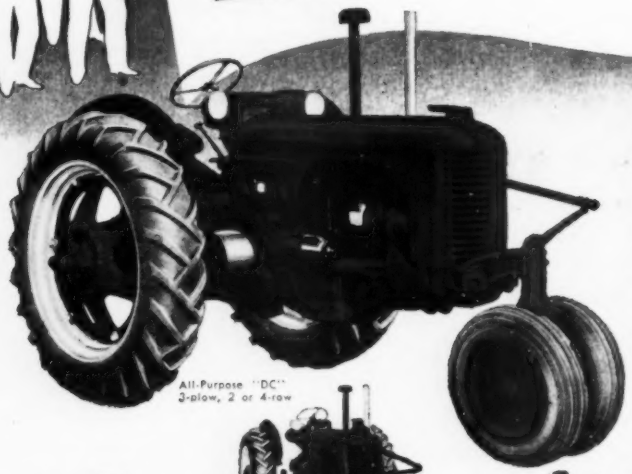

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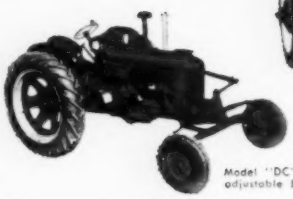

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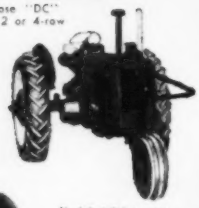

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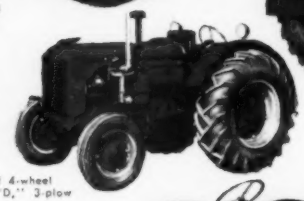

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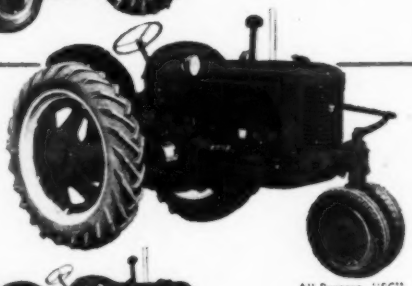

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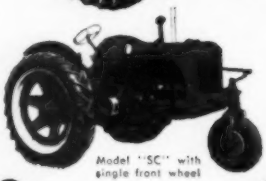

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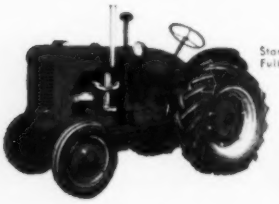

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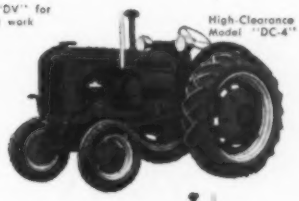

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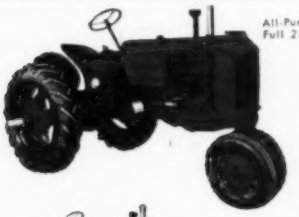

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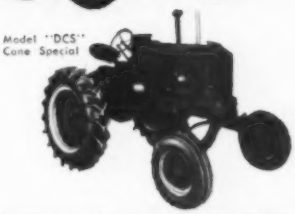

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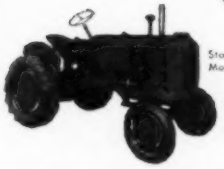

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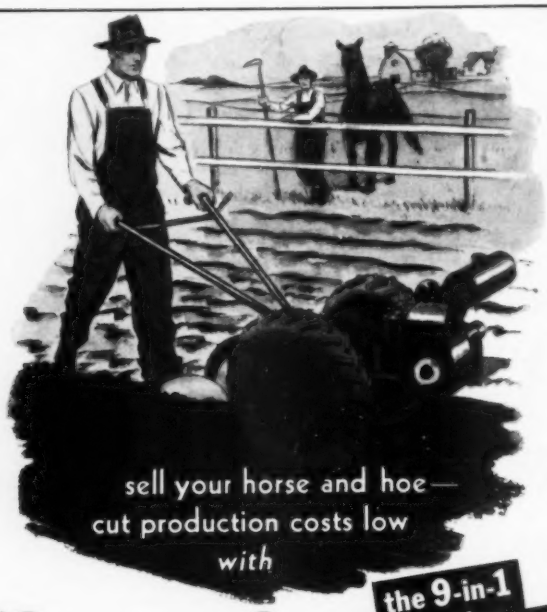

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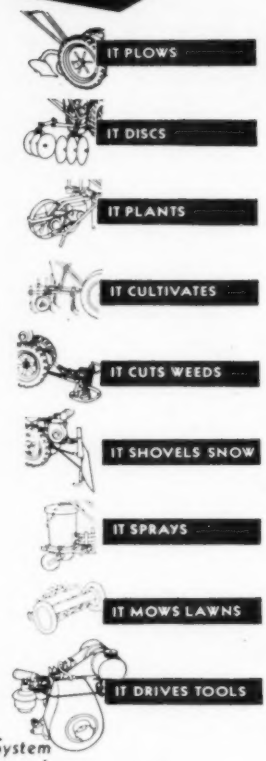

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Why high prices?

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share. Because the price tag was not permitted to give rationing orders to the consumer, there were many more standing in these lines than there was meat to go around.

With prices "frozen," the price tag could no longer give orders to producers. Production of some commodities was abundant, while for others it was not adequate. Government subsidies were used to increase the production of certain commodities. Milk, for example. In other lines such as cantaloupes and watermelons, restrictions were imposed to hold down production.

Administrators who decided the "right price" had less total knowledge than the millions of individuals competing in the market place. Prices between markets were not properly adjusted.

Hog producers will remember the gluts which occurred in some markets while other markets went starving for hogs. It took special decrees to iron out these situations.

As a consumer you will remember how some merchants got their products and others did not. The distribution system did not function smoothly. Black markets flourished.

Instructions to producers and consumers must be given. If price tags are not left free to give the orders, then someone else must. From our experience at least, when a few individuals, thru the government, took over the job, the result was far from satisfactory.

Price is similar to the temperature of our bodies. Temperature registers the many combinations of factors which affect our health. When it rises, something has happened to the stomach, the heart, the lungs, or the liver.

Prices register the net effect of the many factors which affect the welfare of producers and consumers. When the price rises, something has happened to one or more of the many factors that make price.

If your fever is high, would you rig the thermometer so it shows normal temperature?

When the body temperature rises and we do not like it, we could fix the thermometer so it would register "normal." Similarly, when prices rise and we do not like it, we could fix prices so they would register "normal."

If the thermometer is fixed, the doctor works under a handicap. He has nothing on which to base his diagnosis except the grunts and groans of his patient. That is not enough.

Fixing prices is a handicap to a nation. Under price controls, farmers and the consumers have nothing to guide them except the many grunts and groans of the nation.

No country yet has been able to assign the job of the free price tag to its government without losing personal freedom. In Biblical time, Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a mess of pottage and later regretted the deal.

American farmers and consumers, if they delegate the price-making job to their government, may well find themselves in a similar situation. They may sell their birthright of freedom for a mess of government regulation. END

New Congress

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One of the big reasons is that the new chairmen of the Agricultural Committees are outspoken in their stand for price supports of at least 90 percent of parity, with a return to production controls. Not only that, but the Agricultural Committees may be weighted heavily with members from the South.

Secretary, Grange, and Bureau approve present support plan

This thinking is far different from that of Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan, the attitude of the Department of Agriculture, the National Grange, and the American Farm Bureau. Secretary Brannan, backed by his department, and the Bureau and the Grange, have long advocated flexible price supports with a modified parity, very much the same as provided in the present law.

Lined up with the North Carolina and Oklahoma Congressmen in their move for higher support prices is the Farmers Union. This group has agitated for 100 percent of parity price supports for the family-sized farm. The Union would settle for a lower support level as provided by loans, only if the government makes up the difference with cash payments to farmers.

Of all possible agricultural legislation, the matter of price supports is foremost in the mind of Congressman Cooley. "The most important thing Congress can do for farmers is to continue price supports," was his ready answer when I asked about farm legislation. "I think the price-support bill will be one of the first things the House Committee considers in January.

"There's a radical difference between the level of price supports after 1950 and what we have now. Under the present federal law, support prices are lowered just when farmers need them most. I'm definitely in favor of supporting basic farm commodities at full 90 percent of parity with limited production.

"When the desired production is determined, quotas can be established and farmers should comply with the acreage limitations. We ran into trouble with high support prices on potatoes without production controls. The government cannot afford price floors with unlimited production of any commodity."

Mr. Cooley stands opposed to the present sliding-scale provision as well as the modified base period. Present sliding-scale provision provides for higher or lower support levels, depending on the supply of the farm commodity on hand. The modified base period is a modernized method of computing the base price, starting with the old 1910-14 level and taking into consideration the price for farm products during the last 10 years of farm output.

Net effect of the modified base period will be to lower the support prices for grains and raise the support for livestock.

Farmers didn't bargain for increased government control

This move for higher support levels accompanied by increased government control of the farm business is something farmers hadn't bargained for in the election last November. Certainly, the majority of Northern farmers, especially in

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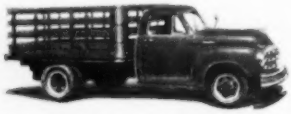

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New Congress

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the Midwest, would ask first for a support-price reduction as a way to avoid production and marketing controls.

Senator Aiken, who took a prominent part in writing the present farm price-support law, understands farming and the many problems of agriculture in the different sections of the country. He is strong in his thinking that any federal agricultural program and farm price support must be developed with a minimum of controls on farmers; that they are better qualified than any government agency to manage their own farming operations.

His warning is, "Support levels which are too high in relation to the amount that the market will take at a given price will inevitably lead to the control of farmers' operations by the government."

Oklahoma's Senator Thomas pronounces the nation's farm problem as almost wholly a "price problem." He says two things need to be done to the present price-support law. "First, the parity formula needs to be amended to include the cost of farm labor" (which does not enter into the present computation of prices paid to prices received). This would raise the parity price over what it is now.

"The other matter that needs attention is that Congress should raise the support level to place farmers more nearly on an equality with the labor and industrial segments of the economy."

Senator Thomas points out that he is for at least 90 percent of parity for farm products.

He says, "The present plan provides that the secretary of agriculture may, within his discretion, reduce the parity price support from 90 percent down to as low as 60 percent. If any secretary should prescribe a 60-percent-of-parity price support for any farm commodity, in my opinion, he will be prescribing a 60-percent standard of living for the farmers who grow that farm product."

Present C.C.C. charter provides for storage on farms

The old Republican leaders in Congress point out that the Commodity Credit Corporation already has given plenty of authority to supply all the storage needed in its business.

When I visited Mr. Hope, the retiring chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, at Garden City, Kansas, he explained this provision enables the C.C.C. to buy storage and set it up right on farms for actual farm storage.

Senator Aiken, too, points out that "the new charter for the Commodity Credit Corporation in no way destroys the authority of the C.C.C. to acquire, lease, or sell to farmers such storage facilities as may be necessary to take care of the products handled by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

"I'm wondering if farmers won't be better off under the present law which provides for storage right on the farms. Next summer, when grain loans are called, the C.C.C. can pay farmers for continuing to store the grain.

"Another possibility is that the Corporation is authorized to buy storage bins and set them up right on farms. This could be a good thing, because it is

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New Congress

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pushing farm storage, and in the case of the feed grains, that's where they should be stored. It would coastitute a real reserve feed supply for every farmer who has a crib of C.C.C. corn on his place."

But it would appear that the new Congress will not be content with that half-hidden provision.

Mr. Cooley is sure his committee will support action to increase storage facilities for C.C.C. either on or off farms. The same point of view goes for Senator Thomas.

Administration's charges are labeled political propaganda

There is increasing opinion that the charges concerning limitation of storage permitted the C.C.C., hurled at the Eightieth Congress by the Truman Administration, has been nothing short of political propaganda. Before the new Congress gets around to making big changes in the present law, it may be recognized that the present charter isn't so far off the right track after all.

Concerning the possibility of an International Wheat Agreement, it is almost a certainty that another world agreement will be drawn up. The wheat agreement proposed last year collapsed when the United States Senate failed to ratify the agreement.

U.S.D.A. officials are hopeful that another agreement can be negotiated. Farm-minded members of Congress have pronounced the Senate failure to ratify the original agreement as little short of a crime. So if a new agreement can be put together, there is little doubt but that it will receive much more favorable treatment from the new Congress.

When *Successful Farming* contacted the new chairmen of the Agricultural Committees last month, both expressed hope that serious thought can be given to a long-range farm bill covering more than just farm price supports. One thing sure, neither the Aiken Bill nor the Hope Land Policy Act introduced in the last session of Congress will be given much consideration by the Democratic Congress.

Mr. Cooley pronounces the Hope Bill as controversial, and Senator Thomas says the Aiken Bill is confusing to the point that no two people agree on what the proposed bill means.

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U.S.D.A. reorganization is old problem that's never solved

As to the much-talked of reorganization of the United States Department of Agriculture, Senator Thomas feels that every administration wants to "mess up," rearrange, and try to reorganize the Department of Agriculture. "But after all the changes, there are few benefits."

Mr. Cooley expresses an entirely different view. "I have maintained for many years that a study should be made of the Department of Agriculture. The functions of every division should be looked into. The U.S.D.A. hasn't had a going over for years.

"I would guess that the Agricultural Committees of Congress couldn't name all the divisions and bureaus in the department, and certainly not all of the functions of the department."

Opposition to combining Soil Conservation with Extension

There's widespread disagreement on the matter of combining the Soil Conservation with the Extension Service, as provided by the bill introduced by Mr. Cooley in the Eightieth Congress. Mr. Cooley says it would be to the best interest of the people and better service to farmers if all agencies in the land programs were combined. That's why he is for combining the Soil Conservation Service, the Extension Service, and the A.A.A. This session, he expects to introduce a new bill along this line.

Many of the other agricultural committee members and all but one of the major farm organizations have been opposed to such a move. Of the farm organizations, the Farm Bureau has stood alone in backing this measure. Representative Cliff Hope says, "I am opposed to turning the Soil Conservation Service over to the Extension Service. I think the present system is working well."

Farm cooperatives can rest easier with Ploeser's defeat

Farm cooperative leaders herald the defeat of Representative Walter Ploeser (Republican, Missouri), chairman of the House Small Business Committee, as a great victory for farm cooperatives. Mr. Ploeser has not been favorably inclined toward the cooperative movement.

So with the promotion of farm cooperatives as one of the main planks in the Democratic party platform, and with President Truman heartily in favor of them, co-ops can expect clear sailing.

One of the surest bets is that the margarine vs. butter battle will be renewed again. Chances are good that the federal regulations governing the sale and taxing of margarine will be changed.

Farm congressional leaders must learn value of unity

Despite the single political party control in Washington, these disagreements do not spell clear sailing for farm legislation. The situation certainly doesn't promise a reunion any time soon of the Farm Bloc, which in the past has stood back of agriculture's interests in Congress.

However, Washington observers feel that farm interests in Congress eventually will get back to working together again. They'll do that after the different regions—the South, the Northeast, the Midwest, and the West—finally find out how important it is to the American farmers that they all pull together. END

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It's not the cattle—it's you

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Fenske buys Western branded cows weighing 800 to 950 pounds, and often doubles his money in 100 days.

Last winter, for instance, he got a bunch for $12 to $14 per hundredweight. He sold some calfy cows for $24 and the rest somewhat later for a slightly higher figure. He realizes the risk of handling heavy cattle, but finds that, over the eight years he's been doing this, he's made more money than from 17 years of steer-feeding.

Fenske handles two bunches of from 100 to 120 head each year. The first bunch is unloaded at his place in October, where they run in stalk fields for 30 days. Then they go into the feedlot, where they get corn-and-cob meal, good hay in racks, silage, and mineral, plus a little supplement, which usually is linseed meal. He takes them off silage about 30 days ahead of marketing time.

HE GETS a second bunch in February and puts them right into the feedlot, where they gain from 2½ to 3 pounds per head daily. They are sold during May.

Fenske likes open cows, but sometimes gets fooled and finds some of them calfy. He prefers first-calf cows, but will take them if they've had no more than two. He dehorns the cows if they aren't too old; otherwise, he tips the horns.

Looks don't count very heavily with Fenske. The cattle come as blacks with white faces, brockle faces, and other color patterns. And, as far as finish is concerned, he believes the market taste for beef has changed, for people don't seem to want the "watery meat" found in prime stuff.

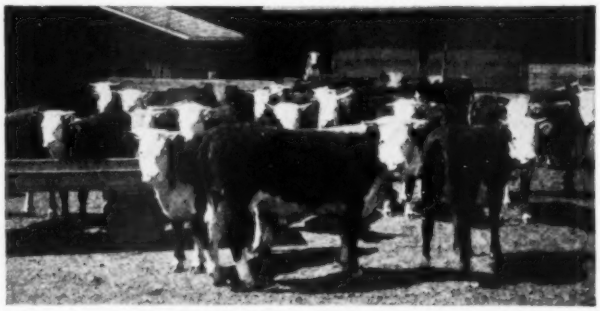
There are others who go for feeding heavy cattle but who want to carry their eggs in at least two baskets. One such feeder is Charlie Kreuger, of Martin County, Minnesota. In partnership with his son, he fills one lot in the fall with 2-year-old steers, weighing about 1,000 pounds, and the other with calves weighing from 450 to 500 pounds. In either case, they buy the best grade available.

SAID Kreuger, "You can make money fast, or lose it fast, with heavy cattle." Therefore, he hedges by feeding a bunch of calves which serve as a check if the market for heavy cattle goes to pieces.

Like Muir, he figures that he can get more gain from the same amount of feed when handling calves, but he likes the quick gain possibilities of heavy cattle. He said that he's bought them for $19 and sold them soon afterward for $27, "and that's nothing unusual."

"You know," reflected Kreuger, "a cattle feeder is a funny fellow. He'll tell you what he plans to do and then, an hour later, do something different from what he said. You have to act quickly."

The Kreugers feed their heavy stuff from 60 to 120 days, depending on the market, and sell them weighing from 1,200 to 1,250 pounds. The cattle are started on corn-and-cob meal (about ½ bushel per head daily), some shelled corn thrown on top, plus 3 or 4 pounds of commercial supplement. They also get a little silage and hay.



Heifers are preferred on the farm of Willard Shaffer, De Kalb County, Illinois. Many like heifers because they finish at lighter weights, while others won't have them

Harry Muir handles calves every year because there's less risk, and they make more gain per pound of feed. Some think calves are more trouble than they're worth

The calves are started on silage, with some oats thrown on top. Later, they get shelled corn and about 1 pound per head daily of commercial supplement. The Kreugers usually market their calves in July, keeping them in dry lot from buying until selling time.

Some cattle feeders think that the best times are past for feeding of heavy cattle. One person of this belief is Lester Forristall of Pottawattamie County, Iowa. For the past four or five years, Forristall has fed 2-year-olds, holding them about 60 days. Last fall, he sold the last of his heavy

> **The very essence of a free government consists in considering offices as public trusts, bestowed for the good of the country, and not for the benefit of an individual or a party.**
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> —*John C. Calhoun*

stuff, preferring calves and yearlings for the more normal times. "Let the other fellow feed them and take the risk," said Forristall.

One man who likes the calf and yearling program is Jess Corey of De Kalb County, Illinois. He uses the calves to hedge against losses. For example, last February the cattle market broke. He wanted to get rid of his steers after 100 days on feed, but he had to hold them for 140 days and ride out the slump. Even tho somewhat disappointed over the outcome, he still had calves to fall back on.

Quite a few cattle feeders would rather take their chances on yearlings alone, and leave the calves for someone else to feed. For instance, there's Perry Farquhar of Page County, Iowa. He prefers yearlings to calves because they can handle rougher feed and "you don't have to baby them so much in the winter and don't have as much trouble with shipping fever." Farquhar's experience has been that sometimes he can get thin yearlings "for pretty near the same money that you'd have to pay for calves." He usually buys rather plain yearlings, for they cost less but, when finished, sell fairly close to the price of better stuff.

THEN there's the matter of heifers. Here again, what one feeder likes may be something his neighbor wouldn't have on the place. LeRoy Olson, De Kalb County, Illinois, is a consistent feeder of heifers, and he has a reason. Heifers, Olson finds, reach Good to Choice condition by the time they weigh 800 pounds, whereas a steer calf, to make the same grade, would have to weigh considerably more. He believes that this is a distinct advantage "when the market is going against you."

Olson gets good-quality heifer calves and winters them on 4 pounds of oats and ½ pound of commercial supplement per head daily, plus all of the alfalfa hay and corn silage they can handle. By the time the heifers go to pasture, they are on a full feed of ground ear corn. They are marketed by mid- to late-summer.

L. C. Howe, Piatt County, Illinois, also is a heifer feeder, but differs from Olson in that he sticks to Medium grade rather than high-quality cattle. One thing that Howe likes about Medium cattle is that they sell in the spring for

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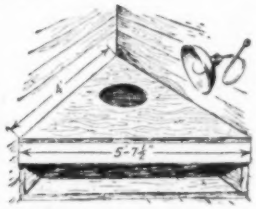
FEEDER'S DIGEST

Winter Tips For Top Feeders

Electric brooders cut pig losses

Chilling accounted for the death losses of 41% of baby pigs that died in 11 midwest hog-producing counties last year. Authorities agree that heated brooders would have reduced this heavy loss substantially. They say that brooders will save an average of one pig per litter. With spring farrowing time not far off, now is the time to think about building brooders. Below we show a brooder made with a heavy plywood top. The 14" hole in the top takes the light assembly. Sides are 1" x 12"—the front strip is 1" x 4".



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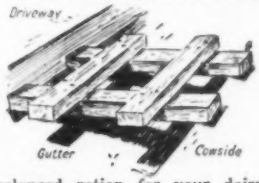

balanced ration for your dairy herd. If you do not have too large a supply of grain, you will want to feed *Swift's (24%) Dairy Feed* or *Swift's (16%) Dairy Feed*, depending on your grain supply and the quality of your roughages.

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That this plan of operation has paid out pretty well thru the years is shown by the fact that the Howe family now is in its fourth generation of handling Medium-grade cattle. Howe says that a lot of farmers feed Choice cattle because they like to look at them, but he feels that "it's pretty expensive looking."

He buys 800- to 900-pound heifers in October or November, and gets them up to a 100-days full feed before going to market in April. Their rations during this period consist of corn, silage, hay, straw.

BUT one cattle feeder who won't vote for heifers is Ben McNeely, of De Kalb County, Illinois. He'll take yearling steers every time, for he finds that if the market isn't right, he can go ahead and feed them for a while to a good advantage. But, if he had been feeding heifers under the same market conditions, they would soon be out of their class and become "cowey."

There are always stockmen who feed whatever appears to have profit possibilities. One such feeder is C. B. Watson, De Kalb County, Illinois. He buys whenever the time is right. He isn't so much concerned with the kind of cattle, except that he doesn't like heifers weighing over 500 pounds because the chances are strong that they'll be with calf.

Watson thinks there are three important things in feeding cattle: (1) how you buy, (2) how you sell, and (3) how you feed.

He thinks that feeding is the least important of the three, for you can do the best feeding job in the world and still lose money if you don't buy and sell right. Watson wonders why some cattle feeders, "despite hell and high water," stick to a fixed selling time. He argues that, if the market now is right, why hold them another 30 days, just because you originally figured on keeping them that long?

Watson likes to hit the market the day after a holiday, for the receipts on those days are inclined to be light because a lot of farmers don't like to stay home on holidays and get them loaded. His experience has shown that these "hot" markets often come on May 31, July 5, and the day after Labor Day.

TELLING a man what kind of cattle to feed is a pretty ticklish business. There may be certain undisputed truths, such as risk and investment, but after that it's pretty much an individual proposition.

F. D. Hartman, an Illinois cattle feeder, summed it up pretty well, as follows:

"When I started farming, I was confronted with the problem of what kind of cattle to feed. I looked around the community and found that buying cattle was a lot like buying machinery or selecting a wife—some men like one kind and some like another kind.

"One of my neighbors, who is a good cattle feeder, and always feeds the cheaper kinds, told me never to feed Choice cattle or I would lose my pants someday. Well, I didn't take his advice, but started feeding Choice calves. Since then I have made several $12 to $15 margins, and last year I made a $20 margin—so I feel now that I could afford to lose a pair of pants occasionally if I had to." END

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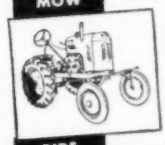

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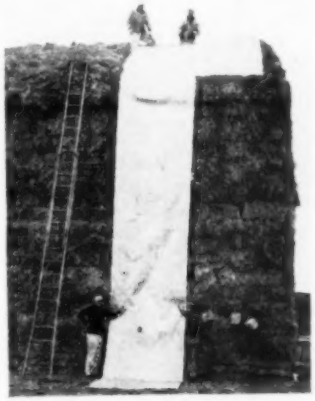
Be sure that each section of the waterproofing is applied with at least a foot of lap. When the second section is in place, twist adjoining weight wires so as to lock sections together. The weight system should be used because the hay settles some.—*Ralph Anderson.*



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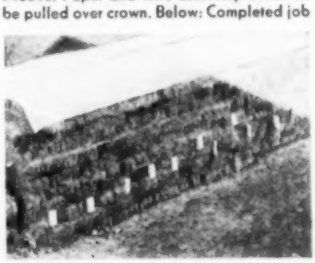

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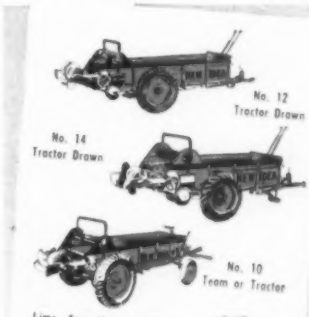

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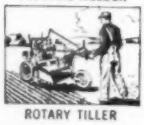

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Calendars

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But back in ancient days, calendar-making was pretty much a hit-or-miss affair. The word itself is derived from *calendium*, denoting the commencement of the months. In the language of ancient Rome, this was called *dies calendae*, meaning days on which "calling out" should occur during the year.

This "calling out" took place upon the reappearance of the small crescent after a new moon. Even today, this remains the way of announcing a new month in some remote places in the world.

"Everybody's in a hurry" is title of this humorous view

When it was time for the "calling out," appointed priests, seers, and other wise men mounted to the roofs of public buildings and strained their voices to announce that a new month had arrived.

BUT occasionally the weather played the callers a dirty trick. It sometimes was too cloudy for these wise men to see the crescent that followed a new moon. When that happened, they were allowed to make calculations on the basis of their past observations. This got to happening pretty often, and it became more convenient to write down a few figures and make the announcement from the ground than to climb atop a building and call out that a new month had arrived.

This pretty girl is "Looking for You" on 1949 calendar

Thus, in place of the public proclamation from the housetops, the calendar came into use, containing the calculations of the "calling days." The publication of the arranged calendar matter and the constant improvement were due chiefly to the efforts of early wise men. The first calendars to be printed on paper appeared about the year 1400.

At first, dates only were shown on

printed calendars. Then some of the churchmen thought it would be a good idea to indicate the special religious days. It would help the people to remember. So on went special mention, in one form

Animal cartoons are used to catch everybody's eye

or another, of the days for worship, feasting, fasting, and other devotions.

Next, the farmers and the fishermen thought the calendar could help them out, too. So calendar makers, who by now were learning a little more about the habits of the sun and moon, got busy. They included various phases of the moon on each month's page. This was to tell the farmers the best time to plant crops, butcher meat, and do other tasks they thought were influenced by the moon. Probably there is an old-timer or two in your neighborhood yet who follows this system.

FOR the fishermen, the calendar men put tiny fish outlines under certain dates. These were supposed to point out the best angling days. While this system wasn't foolproof, it did provide a good alibi for the fellow who failed to catch anything. He could point to the calendar and say it had predicted that fishing would be poor that day.

Gradually, additional information of special help to farmers was tacked onto the calendar. Today, in addition to the pretty pictures and advertising messages, mentioned earlier, you'll often find tables of weights and measures, record-keeping spaces, safety tips, first-aid and fire-prevention advice, Bible verses, references to historical events, and countless other data that make your calendar so entertaining and valuable all year long.

For centuries after ancient astronomers first observed a full moon and plotted a month, the calendar was in constant change. The tough problem was to

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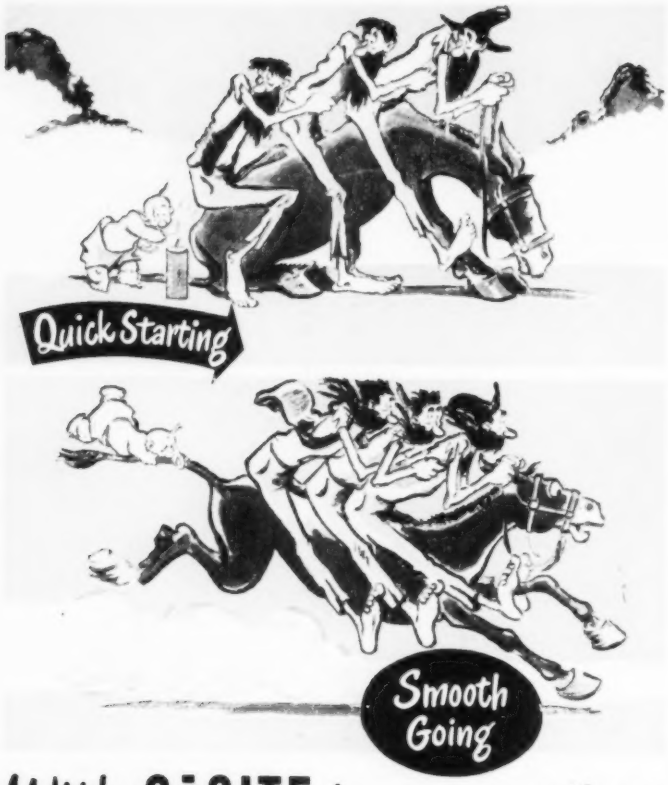

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bring the man-made calendar and the solar seasons and years together. The seasons—then as now, were of great importance to the farmer, and the attempts to balance the calendar usually hinged on having the seasons fall in the right place.

THE Egyptians are supposed to have placed the first day of their calendar with the rising of Sirius (the Greater Dog Star) in 139 A. D. (our calendar time, that is). But their year of 12 months of 30 days and 5 days grouped at a year's end didn't quite square with the farmers' seasons. But it worked out all right in the long run, for the Nile River farmers found that after a mere 1,470 solar years, New Year's Day had worked right around the seasons and back into place.

In the time of Julius Caesar, the civil equinox differed three months from the astronomical. Thus, the real winter months were carried back into the autumn, and fall months ended up in the summer. This had Roman farmers harvesting wheat in October. Such a calendar in this country now would have you cultivating corn in October instead of harvesting it.

To straighten things up, Caesar originated the Julian calendar, effective as of January 1, 46 B.C., more than 700 years after the legendary founding of Rome. This calendar, in which the months had the same names, order, and length as now, was slightly modified by Augustus. Then it was discovered that Caesar's year was 11 minutes and 14 seconds too long, or one day over in every 128 years.

Next, Pope Gregory XIII tried to restore the equinox to its proper place.

> **Parents should not make too much fuss when a child tells his first lie. He may do better with practice.**
>
> —*Herbert V. Prochnow*

He directed that the Feast of St. Francis on October 5, 1582, be reckoned as October 15. This action, along with a few later changes to correct errors, established the Gregorian calendar, the one now in general use in most of the world. It was adopted in Great Britain and in the English Colonies in America in 1752.

HOWEVER, there are many people in the world who wouldn't agree with your calendar's calling the new year "1949." The Mohammedans count from the Hegira (flight) of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina, which occurred Thursday, July 16, 622 A.D. To members of this religion, the year might be 1526.

The Jewish year actually is 5709, and their New Year's Day does not coincide with the calendar's January 1. The Chinese celebrate their New Year several months behind the usual holiday date in other parts of the world.

But for all its uncertain past and day-to-day existence, the calendar is here to stay, simply because we can't do without it. With its wealth of facts and full-color dress of today, it's a joy—if not forever, at least for 365 days in each of three years or 366 every fourth year. END

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Quizbox

By Gus Larson

HOW'S your nose for news? This quiz will tell how you keep up with headlines, both on farm topics and others.

Score 5 points for each correct reply. If you score (a) 90 to 100 points—you must be a news hound. (b) 75 to 85 points—you don't miss much. (c) 50 to 70 points—good enough. (d) 30 to 45 points—just made it. (e) 25 points or below—better start reading the headlines.

1 Worried about the slippery roads this winter? If so, you will be interested in the new tire tread which is excellent for slippery and icy roads. The antislip secret is that the new tread contains (a) flint (b) sand (c) rock salt.

2 A shy female reader writes: "My persimmon tree just doesn't get around to bearing any fruit. What's wrong?" How can she get her tree to yield? (a) plant more trees (b) prune it (c) lime the soil.

3 It was Thomas Edison who invented the moving-picture camera. In what year was the first motion picture shown before a public audience? Was it in (a) 1910 (b) 1920 (c) 1895?

4 The earth is a mighty big ball, but it can capsize, states a New York engineer. He believes that the last time the earth tipped over it caused Noah's flood. Do other scientists (a) agree (b) disagree?

5 Eastern farmers have a brand-new way to wash eggs. The trick is to first wash the eggs in hot water (141 to 160 degrees) and then to immerse them in a detergent solution. (a) true (b) false.

6 One of the most valuable relics of the church is a thorn from Christ's crown. Recently this thorn was (a) stolen by a thief (b) sent to Chicago (c) burned.

7 We all know that women generally decide what kind and how much will be paid for things that go into our homes and on our backs. But who spends most of the cash in small towns? (a) men (b) women.

8 Foot trouble can cause backache, headache, premature wrinkles, and general fatigue. Which have the most foot trouble? (a) children (b) men (c) women.

9 Rosa multiflora (Asiatic rose) is a good hedge fence which will turn livestock and provide berries for wildlife. This fence grows to height of (a) 3' (b) 8' (c) 2'.

10 More than 30 V-2's (German rockets) have been fired skyward from the White Sands Proving Ground. Can you guess how many miles high the best of these rockets went? (a) 10 miles (b) 50 miles (c) 114 miles.

11 Eighty out of every 100 farms now are electrified. But a short time back, not many Hawkeye farmers read by electric lights. How many Iowa farms had electricity in 1935? (a) 15 out of 100 (b) 50 out of 100 (c) 70 out of 100.

12 John Quincy Adams was the first president to wear long trousers at the inaugural and he was the first to have a billiard table. Who was the first chief executive to speak on the radio? (a) Taft (b) Wilson (c) Coolidge.

13 Many farm children have borderline anemia. The basis for that statement is a recent Wisconsin Experiment Station study. This condition exists because they (a) work too hard (b) do not eat balanced meals (c) stay up too late.

14 When electricity was first installed in the White House in 1891, the president and his family were afraid to turn off the lights. Lights were left burning all night. This president was (a) McKinley (b) Garfield (c) Harrison.

15 Diabetes strikes when one's body fails to maintain a proper supply of insulin. Insulin injections are not always necessary for the diabetic. In some cases the disease may be controlled by diet and exercise. Statements are (a) false (b) true.

16 Most farmers don't bother about making wills, but they should. Wills can avoid lots of trouble and expense for those left behind. Even the simplest will must be (a) typewritten (b) 100 words long (c) written.

17 Neighbor Curtis Johnson said: "Hatching eggs can be held at zero temperatures and below for several hours and they still will hatch." Was neighbor Johnson (a) wrong (b) right?

18 Last September, the Grand Army of the Republic held their Eighty-second National Encampment. How many survivors were living? (a) 6 (b) 43 (c) 1,110.

19 Anybody with enough sense to pound sand in a rat hole knows that a well should be uphill from a septic tank. How far away should the septic tank be from the well? (a) 25' (b) 100' (c) 50.'

20 If a hog has worms, there's plenty of feed wasted. The worms like corn and eat a lot of it. Of every three ears fed to an infested hog, how many do the worms eat? (a) 1 ear (b) 2 ears (c) 2¼ ears.

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Deviled Swiss Steak

Mix . . . . . **½ cup flour**
1 tablespoon dry mustard
Pound . . . **1½ pounds 1-inch-thick round steak**
Season with **salt** and **pepper**
Brown in fat; place in baking dish.
Add . . . . . **1½ cups canned tomatoes**
1 cup sliced onions
¼ cup green-pepper rings
1 carrot, sliced
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon brown sugar
Cover; bake at 375° 1½ hours.

Honey Glazed Carrots

Scrape 9 medium carrots
Cut lengthwise; place in greased dish.
Mix . . . . . **3 tablespoons honey**
3 tablespoons melted butter
2 tablespoons diced parsley
½ teaspoon grated orange rind
¼ teaspoon salt
Pour over carrots; cover dish.
Cook in moderate oven (375°) 1½ hours.

Cheese-Stuffed Baked Potatoes

Cut slice from tops of **6 baked potatoes**
Scoop out insides; mash.
Add . . . . . **3 tablespoons butter**
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
hot milk to moisten
¼ cup grated nippy cheese
¼ teaspoon paprika
Mix well; refill shells.
Sprinkle with **grated nippy cheese**
Return to oven until cheese melts.

Self-Iced Cupcakes

Fill greased muffin tins ½ full with **plain cake batter**
Sprinkle finely chopped nuts, or **chocolate bits,** or **shredded coconut** on tops
Bake in moderate oven (375°) 20 minutes.

Meat Balls in Barbecue Sauce

Form 1½ pounds seasoned ground beef into large balls
Brown in hot fat.
Combine 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
½ cup water
¼ cup vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon chili powder
⅛ teaspoon salt
¼ cup finely chopped onion
Simmer until thick; pour over meat.
Bake 45 minutes in hot oven (450°).
Baste meat balls occasionally with sauce.

Oven-Style French Fries

Cut . . . . . **2 pounds pared potatoes** in long, narrow strips
Place in shallow baking pan.
Sprinkle salad oil over potatoes
Bake in hot oven (450°) 45 minutes.
Turn them once or twice during baking.
Salt potatoes to taste before serving.

Celery Seed Pin-wheel Biscuits

Roll standard biscuit dough ¼ inch thick.
Brush with **melted butter**
Sprinkle with **celery seed and grated cheese**
Roll up; cut in ½-inch slices.
Bake in hot oven (450°) 15 minutes.

1½-hour oven meal 375°
(*Serves 6*)

Honey Glazed Carrots — Self-Iced Cupcakes
Deviled Swiss Steak — Cheese-Stuffed Baked Potatoes

45-minute oven meal 450°
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Meat Balls in Barbecue Sauce
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Quick-Baked Beans With Bacon

Serves 6 to 8

Combine 2 **16- to 18-ounce cans pork and beans**
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon mustard
1/2 cup catsup
2 small onions, thinly sliced
6 slices bacon, diced
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Bake in greased casserole at 350° (moderate) 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 15 minutes longer.

Cabbage Creole

Serves 6

Cut.....**1 large head cabbage** in eighths
Cook in small amount of salted water just until tender.
Arrange cabbage in greased baking dish.
Combine together over low heat:
1 cup canned tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 teaspoon sugar
Thicken with paste of
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons water
Stir in....**1 cup light cream**
Pour hot sauce over cabbage wedges.
Sprinkle..**1/2 cup buttered, toasted bread cubes** on top
Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes.
Sprinkle..**1/2 cup shredded cheese** on top during last 15 minutes of cooking.

Date-Bran Bread

Makes one 5- by 9-inch loaf

Combine **1/2 cup molasses**
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup milk
Mix.....**1 1/2 cups bran**
2 cups whole-wheat flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon soda
Stir in dry ingredients; mix only until flour is dampened.
Add.....**2 tablespoons melted fat**
1/2 cup chopped dates
Bake in greased bread pan in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes.

De Luxe Apple Dumplings

Makes 6

Make syrup of
2 cups sugar
2 cups water
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
Add.....**3 tablespoons butter**
Pare and core
6 large apples
Sift.....**2 cups sifted flour**
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
Cut in....**3/4 cup shortening**
Add.....**1/2 cup milk** all at once
Stir until moistened.
Roll 1/4 inch thick; cut in 5-inch squares.
Arrange apple on each square.
Sprinkle with
sugar, cinnamon, and **nutmeg**
Dot with **butter**
Fold corners to center; seal edges.
Place in greased pan; add syrup.
Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes.

Pineapple Glazed Ham Loaf

Serves 6

Combine ingredients in order given:
- **1 pound ground veal**
- **1 pound ground smoked ham**
- **1 cup dry bread crumbs**
- **½ teaspoon salt**
- **¼ teaspoon pepper**
- **3 tablespoons chopped onion**
- **¼ cup finely chopped green pepper**
- **2 eggs,** well beaten
- **¼ cup catsup**
- **¼ cup water**
- **1 can (10½ or 11 ounce) condensed cream of mushroom soup**

Mix thoroly.
Pack in greased, 8- by 12-inch baking dish.
Bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour.
Arrange 6 clove-studded pineapple slices on top of loaf during last 15 minutes.
Spoon mixture of **¼ cup brown sugar** and **¼ cup melted butter** over pineapple
Continue baking for 15 minutes.

Mexican Stuffed Peppers

Serves 6

Parboil . . **6 green peppers** 5 minutes
Drain; stand upright in greased baking dish.
Mix . . . . . **1 No. 2 can whole-kernel corn,** drained
- **¼ cup dry bread crumbs**
- **¼ cup liquid from corn**
- **2 tablespoons melted butter**
- **2 tablespoons chopped green pepper**
- **2 tablespoons chopped pimiento**
- **2 tablespoons chopped celery**
- **2 tablespoons chopped onion**
- **1 teaspoon salt**
- **1 teaspoon chili powder**

Stuff peppers with corn mixture.
Add small amount water to dish.
Cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour.

Buttered Parsley Loaf

Serves 6

Trim top and side crusts from
- **1 loaf white sandwich bread**

Cut in two lengthwise down to, but not thru, the bottom crust.
Cut crosswise into as many sections of even size as you wish.
Brush all over with
- **melted butter**
- **chopped parsley**

Place in loaf pan that fits loaf.
Bake in moderate oven (350°) until edges are delicately brown.

Rich Pecan Pie

Makes one 9-inch pie

Beat slightly
- **3 eggs**

Add remaining ingredients in order given:
- **1 cup sugar**
- **1 tablespoon flour**
- **¼ teaspoon salt**
- **1 cup light corn syrup**
- **1 tablespoon melted butter**
- **1 teaspoon vanilla extract**
- **1 cup pecan halves**

Pour into pastry lined, 9-inch piepan.
Bake at 350° (moderate) 1 hour. END

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HELLO, Playfellows!

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Lots of fun is in store for all you boys and girls in the Playhouse every month. There'll be new things to make and games to play.

But now the curtain is going up on the first of the new Playhouse, so on with the show!

Ruth Elaine

Tracks in the snow are easier to find than are the wild animals themselves. If you saw the tracks shown down the center, could you tell to what animal they belonged?

Snow-time is sculpture-time. Snow men are fun, but why not make something different? Find a picture in a book or magazine, or use your own imagination. It may be a figure of a person, an animal, or some other object. Then bring it to "life" in snow—and do them in bright colors.

Select a level spot in your yard so that your art work can be seen. Then gather your supplies: wooden paddles, a bucket of water, some packages of dye, pieces of tin, sharp sticks, and pocketknives.

First, pack the snow into a solid, square foundation. Then shape the animal or object on the foundation with your tools. Buttons, colored glass, and straw are some of the articles you can use for hair, eyes, noses, and mouths.

Color is the final touch. Mix a package of dye in the water until it dissolves. Then paint the color on your snow sculpture.

Or you can do your coloring as you do the sculpturing. Mix snow in the colored water, and form the object from the colored snow.

Number magic: Here's a game that will make your friends think you are a wizard. Ask someone to think of a number, but not to tell you what it is. Tell him to double it, add 10, and divide by 2. Then have him subtract his original number. He will be surprised when you tell him the answer is 5. The answer is always 5, no matter what number is chosen first. Try it.

Take a number—10 (for example):
Double it **20**
Add 10 ..... **30**
Divide by 2 ..... **15**
Subtract first number
The answer? ..... **5!**

Are you a sharp-eyed detective? Scan these words carefully. See if you can find any misspelled ones.

1. FRUTE	6. SIGH
2. BANNANA	7. PAYED
3. ERROR	8. ACCROSS
4. SHOVLE	9. LITENING
5. LAFF	10. RECEIVE

If you were alert, you found these answers:

1. FRUIT	6. CORRECT
2. BANANA	7. PAID
3. CORRECT	8. ACROSS
4. SHOVEL	9. LIGHTNING
5. LAUGH	10. CORRECT

Your mailman will hand you a letter sometime soon if you sit down right now and write to someone.

If you have a grandmother and grandfather who live far away, they will welcome a letter from you. Your favorite aunt and uncle will be glad to hear from you, too. Perhaps you have some cousins you would like to know better. And don't forget your friends in the city. They always want to know about the events on your farm. Remember, they never get to play with a new calf or feed a wooly baby lamb.

You have plenty of things to write about. If you have some pets, write about them. Tell about the games you play. Maybe you play house or cowboys and Indians at a secret place in your grove of trees. If there's a tiny brook on your farm, you may have collected some colored stones.

When you write to someone, you are sure to be rewarded with answers. And isn't it fun to receive letters addressed just to you?

The winners: *One dollar is on its way to the following Playfellows for the neatest, correct answers to the September "Tangleverbs": Mary Kay Carpenter, Elkhart, Indiana; Jean Higgs, Woodbine, Maryland; Iris Spain, Fay, Oklahoma.*

Footprint answers:

1. Fox
2. Raccoon
3. Skunk
4. Muskrat
5. Red squirrel
6. Woodchuck
7. Cottontail
8. Opossum

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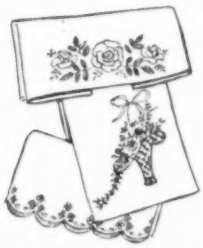

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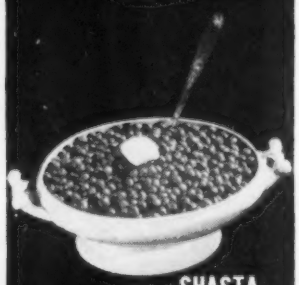

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Now don't get frantic, because I'm not going to try to look like a model in $300 gowns (I can see you picturing bills, bonds, and mortages from the Bonnee Beautee Salone). But I am going to be a lovely homemaker.

It all started when you put that small mirror in the kitchen. (Was that a hint?) At first, I was too sleepy to notice how I looked in the morning. One day I got up courage and took a quick glance. Why didn't you tell me that I looked like the bride of Frankenstein?

That is going to be change Number 1. Those curlers make my head look like I've stuck it in a bucket of steel shavings. A pretty scarf will cover the essential curlers at night. But the curlers are coming out of my hair upon arising! Followed, of course, by a neat, becoming arrangement of the locks.

Some people would be kind and say that my face in the morning looks as white as the driven snow. But I'm brutally frank about the whole thing. I say it looks ashen in a dead sort of way.

After I wash it with soap and water comes change Number 2. It consists of make-up—so early in the morning, too. And it's going on carefully. There'll be color in my cheeks and lips, and it will be in the right places.

Of course, all this includes a brisk brushing to get my pearly whites pearly white. But this year I'm going to do it *before* breakfast, even if I have to get up two minutes earlier.

Altho the relationship between me and an angel is only slight, I read someplace about cleanliness being related to godliness. Therefore, O spouse, the daily bath is for me. There'll be no putting off until tomorrow. And why should I be

three-fourths safe, when an effective deodorant once a day will keep me charming?

I've come to the conclusion that glamour girls don't have the exclusive rights to colognes and perfumes. So I've decided to use my Christmas bottle of "Soothing Witchcraft" for something besides a dressing-table ornament. I'm rather delighted that the children used the last of my other cologne. They put it on the pups, you know, because they said the pups smelled like dogs.

HOW glamorous can you get? Well, there's more. The time has come when my faded, splitting house dresses and I must part. And I'm not about to look in the shops for the latest thing in blue jeans. Come what may, I'm not even going to wear my old dress-up dresses for housework. I want to wear clean, comfortable, crisp cottons that are colorful, yet conservative in their design. Because this project starts in the winter, I'll need something else for warmth. How about a coat sweater? (See December, *Successful Farming*, page 46.)

To show you just how thrifty I am, I'll take the old house dresses, aprons, and lattice-run nylons and make a throw rug for your den. Then may I have some hosiery with all the threads where they belong?

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an avalanche of business. I'm tired of having to walk on the sides of my shoes. My feet are in for a treat in comfortable, repaired, shined shoes with new laces in them! I'm even going to make the supreme sacrifice and throw away those bunny bedroom slippers. Please don't suggest saving the tops for spats.

I know by the way you cringe that my chipped nail polish doesn't appeal to you. My decision: It's got to be all on or all off. So it's all on when I'm being social and all off when I'm choring. But even when it's all off, my nails are going to be clean and well-shaped. No more of these Dracula claws.

NOW that we have me dressed for the day—and I'm looking lovely—I'll bring on the rest of the project. It's on a weekly basis, too!

No longer will I have that cave-woman look about the legs. Once a week, I'm going to arm myself with *my own* razor and blades (and a styptic pencil). I'll shave at least once a week so there will be no remarks from you about braiding.

My hair is going to be subject to a good shampooing every week. And to keep it looking like a halo instead of hair, it's going to get 100 thoro brush strokes every day.

This year, my dear, you may cease pointing out the advertisements for stout-sized dresses. I am going to reduce. Honestly. Are you still there? I had to save the best until last.

Just in case—it probably *never* will happen—I stray away from these resolutions, there's going to be that mirror. All I'll have to do is look into it and my vanity will send me running (not walking) to the nearest powder puff. END

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Answers to the Farm Quizbox

[*From page 76*]

1 (c) is correct. The new tire contains rock salt. As the tire wears down, it releases salt which forms surface pores. Pores help tire hold road.

2 (a) is correct. Lac. must plant more male and female trees. Female persimmon trees bear only when near males.

3 (c) is correct. First motion picture shown to a public audience in year 1895.

4 (b) is correct. Other scientists (geologists) do not agree with the engineer's theory that ice piling up at poles will eventually cause earth to tip over.

5 (a) is correct. Eastern farmers do have new egg-washing method as described, reports Du Pont agricultural newsletter.

6 (a) is correct. According to the International News Service, the thorn from Christ's crown was stolen in Rome.

7 (b) is correct. R. W. Howard states that farm women spend most of the cash exchanged in farm areas. (This doesn't include payments by check or time payments for large items such as machinery.)

8 (c) is correct. Fifteen times as many women as men have foot trouble, states the New York Podiatry Society.

9 (b) is correct. This hedge fence, recommended by Illinois Division of Forestry, reaches height of 8′.

10 (c) is correct. Dr. Van Allen reports that one V-2 rocketed up 114 miles.

11 (a) is correct. In 1935, only 15 out of every 100 Iowa farms had electricity.

12 (c) is correct. Calvin Coolidge was first president to speak on the radio.

13 (b) is correct. The Wisconsin Experiment Station study of 400 farm children in 39 farm schools revealed that large percentages of the children ate too few vegetables and drank too little milk. Blood samples showed borderline anemia.

14 (c) is correct. President was Benjamin Harrison.

15 (b) is correct. According to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the statements are true.

16 (c) is correct. U.S.D.A. states that the simplest will must be written and, in most states, signed by witnesses.

17 (b) is correct. According to recent University of Maryland studies, eggs can be kept at low temperature for several hours and still retain hatchability.

18 (b) is correct. Only 43 survivors of the Boys in Blue were still living in September, reports the *New York Times*.

19 (b) is correct. For safety, septic tank should be about 100′ away from a well.

20 (a) is correct. Records show that of every three ears of corn fed to an infested hog, the worms get one. END

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Spike devoted his vacation last summer to taking 11 boys on an exciting canoe trip down the Cheat River.

Spike had a new construction business on his shoulders. How would he manage to make the time to "build boys," too . . . ?

When his son Jack was 9, Spike decided to budget his busy days so that he could help with the neighborhood Cub pack. Even today, when he's still busier, he makes the time to be chairman of the troop committee of the district council.

Myrtle Bisping is a Girl Scout leader and camp counsellor. Daughters Nichy, 14, and Babe, 10, are active scouts, too.

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How do the Bispings find the time? As Myrtle says, "Some things can wait—but children can't. Not if we're to keep this the kind of country we all want!"

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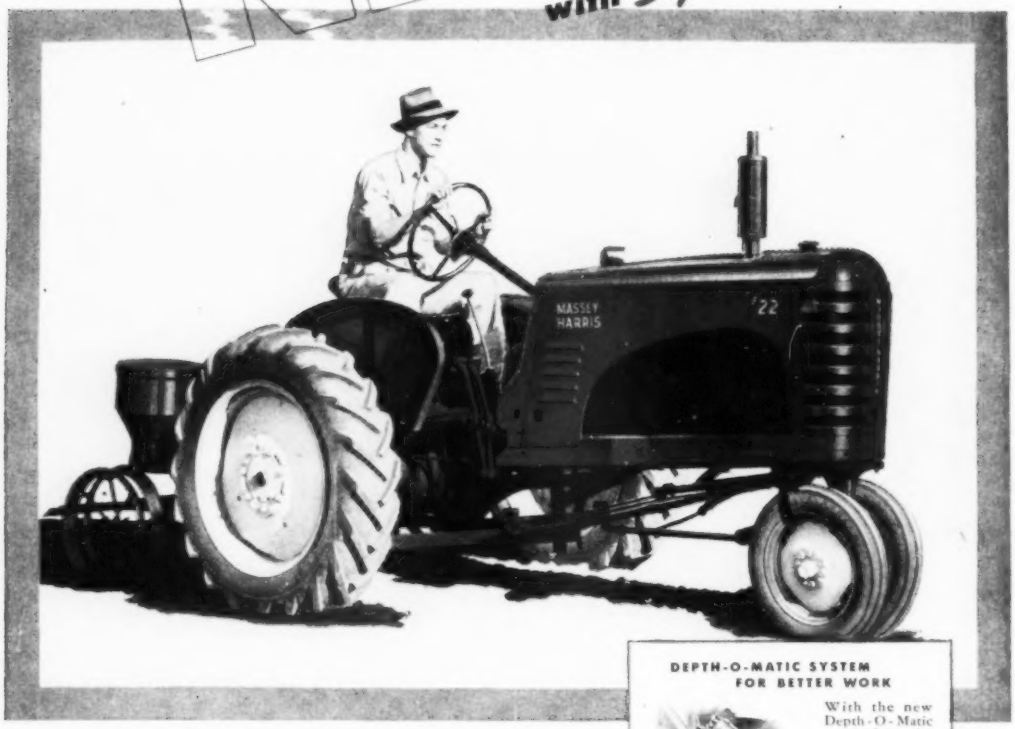

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From this plan
more egg money

Grade buying has raised price about 5 cents a dozen for these producers

By C. W. Stall

IN RECENT years, Indiana farmers have realized thousands of extra dollars from cooperative-marketing programs thru which they are paid on the basis of the quality of their product.

More money is successfully being put into the pockets of Hoosier poultrymen thru a 19-months-old quality egg-marketing program, spearheaded mainly by the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association.

For example, the John J. Heinzman family, Hamilton County, Indiana, has been producing eggs for a cooperative hatchery for about 11 years. And now they're selling eggs thru the quality marketing program.

They report that good management and good chickens pay off. According to them, the current receipts (straight-run) price in their area has been raised about 5 cents a dozen by the cooperative program. They believe that good-quality eggs can be practically insured if good chicks are purchased and eggs are handled properly. This year they have 1,100 Barred Plymouth Rocks.

MRS. FRED MOBLEY, Monroe County, also finds that this plan boosts her flock income. Not only does she profit by producing quality eggs and marketing them on a graded basis, but also from selling hatching eggs to the county cooperative hatchery.

Last year she raised 400 chicks of the Nedlar strain of New Hampshire Reds, which are high egg producers and make satisfactory broilers. Death losses have been almost negligible, and her flock is believed to have the highest hatchability record of any in the county, according to the hatchery manager, Ralph Knapp.

Wire baskets for egg cooling soon pay for themselves, finds Mrs. John Heinzman

Some will wonder if the extra work (such as gathering twice daily and cooling properly) and expense involved in improving egg quality is justified by the premiums paid. It definitely is, according to Jackson County egg producers who averaged 5.4 cents per dozen over local buying points when they sold their eggs on a quality basis thru their own cooperative. In addition to this bonus for quality, the farmers of Jackson County who sold eggs to their cooperative hatchery last year received an average-hatchability premium of 16 cents a dozen.

It takes about 140 eggs per hen each year to break even on a poultry flock. Records kept on 588 flocks last year showed that the average Farm Bureau hen produced over 4 dozen more eggs than the average Indiana hen. Furthermore, Thad Macy, state cooperative poultry specialist, points out that a hen with inherent high-production ability will produce about 30 more eggs for each 4 pounds of feed. It is this increased production, as well as increased quality, that results in the real profit.

SOME cooperative egg-grading units have trucks which visit farms and pick up eggs. However, the Heinzman eggs are taken to their local Farm Bureau Cooperative store at Noblesville. Then they are delivered to the Indianapolis egg-grading unit—some 20 miles away—at a cost of 1½ cents a dozen for bookkeeping and transportation.

Prices being paid farmers who sold their eggs cooperatively at Indianapolis on a graded basis in late July were: large

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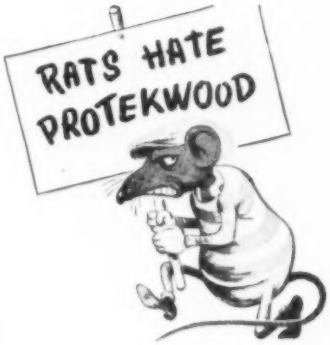
Flockowners get more money when eggs are bought on a quality and grade basis



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Grade A, 50 cents a dozen; medium Grade A, 45 cents; Grade B, 40 cents; Grade C, 31 cents, as compared to the current-receipts price of 35 cents a dozen. A survey made on the Indianapolis, Evansville, and Lafayette markets in May showed that "straight-run" buyers were paying on an average of 2.4 cents a dozen closer to the Chicago market price than they were a year ago.

On June 1, 1947, when the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association started its quality egg-marketing service, only two egg-buying concerns bought eggs from farmers on a U. S. Consumer Grade basis. Neither of these companies bought their eggs over a large portion of the state.

TODAY, approximately 31 concerns in the state have grading contracts with the United States Department of Agriculture. Of these, 24 buy from farmers on a quality basis, and of these 24 concerns, 7 are farm cooperatives.

The program began with an egg-marketing unit at Indianapolis, and other units were added at Osgood, Evansville, New Paris, Warsaw, Lafayette, and Hayden in the year that followed. This system of markets makes it possible for any farmer in the state to sell his eggs on a market which pays him according to the quality of his product. Thus, high quality means more income.

Following the recent World War, the number of farm flocks supplying hatching eggs to cooperative hatcheries became so numerous and production of eggs so high that the hatcheries which operated on a seasonal basis could no longer use all of the eggs that were delivered to their local plants. Farmers immediately concluded that they needed an egg-marketing program co-ordinated with their hatchery program.

Two big steps in the Hoosier poultry-improvement program were the passage of an Indiana egg law in 1937 and the development of cooperative hatcheries. The egg law made it a public offense to offer for sale at retail level any egg unfit for consumption.

This law alone did much to increase the use of eggs in Indiana, because, before that time, most good eggs produced in the state were separated and sold on the Eastern market. This meant that the

Eggs go to cooperative egg-grading unit in a hurry when truck pickup plan is used

poor eggs hurt the home-market price.

This revolutionary attempt in the field of egg-marketing owes much of its success to the preparatory educational and research work done among flockowners by Purdue University poultry specialists, farm organizations, and Indiana cooperative hatcherymen.

In the early days, Indianapolis chain stores pioneered in offering their customers graded eggs, and proved that Indiana consumers were willing to pay more for good quality. The next step in making the poultry flock a more important part of the farming operation is the building of poultry-processing plants over the state of Indiana to dress and sell poultry cooperatively.

The first such cooperative poultry dressing plant was opened at Hayden, in southern Indiana, and another one opened last fall at New Paris, in northern Indiana. Each of these plants will process 1,500 chickens per hour, and the dressed birds will be sold on a quality basis.

Such activities should serve well the interests of general farmers in Indiana, who usually raise dual-purpose chickens. And the effect on the poultry industry as a whole will be good. **END**

Hogs—a bigger market for forage

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load of hay and manure was hauled out from around the bunk. Following this period, there was very little, if any, waste of hay.

Hay half of ration. By actual weight, the lot of 263 pigs on January 5 were consuming a total of 600 pounds of loose brome-alfalfa hay, and 660 pounds of corn per day. By dry weight, the ration was nearly 50 percent brome-alfalfa hay. Loose hay is preferred to chopped hay because of the need for additional chewing, which Frakes believes is a desirable aid to digestion.

On January 5, Frakes weighed and marked 10 representative pigs. They averaged 128 pounds.

One month later, the same 10 pigs again were weighed, averaging 152 pounds. This was a net gain of 24 pounds, giving a daily average of eight-tenths of a pound per head.

The brome-alfalfa hay was fed in a regular calf-feeding hay bunk, with a 6″ opening at the bottom to accommodate the pigs. The feed rack was 4′ wide, 2½′ high, and 14′ long.

On February 5, it was observed that the pigs were not able to get all of the brome-alfalfa hay from the bunk that they desired, because the opening was not sufficiently large. After the bottom opening was increased to 10″, the total consumption per day of loose hay increased 35 percent.

It was necessary to ration the corn to make the pigs eat large quantities of hay. However, there was only one period of about a week when the appearance of these hogs looked a bit dubious, as indicated by the roughness of their hair. When the grain-to-hay ratio was increased a little, the roughness of hair soon disappeared.

The original plan of the hog-feeding program was to feed a large ratio of

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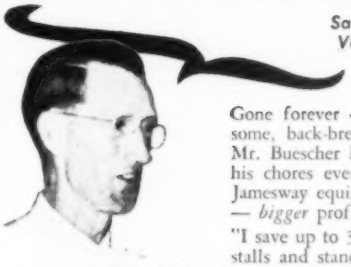

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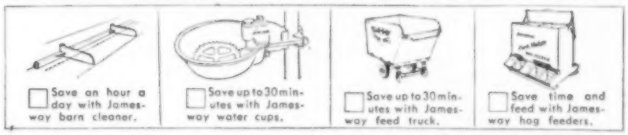

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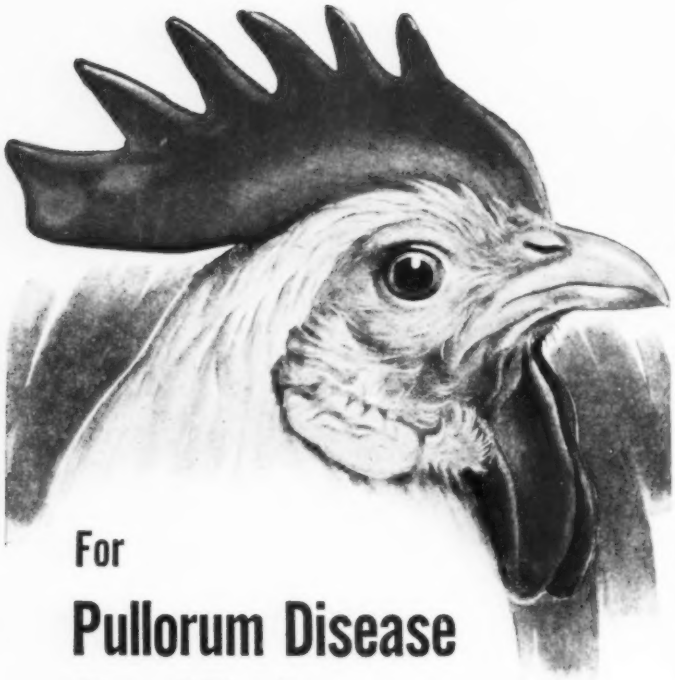

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Hogs—a bigger market for forage

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brome-alfalfa hay to corn, and finish the hogs for the July market. However, the supply of hay ran out on June 7, making it necessary to start full feeding of corn.

The 150 head, averaging 246 pounds, were marketed on June 15, and they had received only one week of self-fed corn. In other words, the bulk of the feeding period of this lot of pigs had a very large ratio of brome-alfalfa hay to grain. It was observed that the 220 head ate 400 bushels of corn the first week on full feed after running out of brome-alfalfa hay.

It should be noted that the last lot of hogs, 70 head, ate a total of 1,100 bushels of corn from June 15 until marketed on July 16. This was nearly a fourth of the total of 4,605 bushels of corn consumed by the 349 head raised and marketed (the 52 gilts saved were not marketed). There was a death loss of 17 head.

Up until June 7, at which time Frakes ran out of hay, approximately 82,793 pounds of pork were produced. By this time the hogs had consumed 3,105 bushels of corn, 590 bushels of oats, and 111,550 pounds of brome-alfalfa hay.

The county extension director, Aaron Bowman; the local veterinarian, Dr. B. E. McCulloch, and I periodically observed the feeding project. Both Mr. Bowman and Doctor McCulloch made many helpful suggestions.

What Frakes concluded. Frakes states, "In studying what I believe to be the No. 1 soil-conservation problem in the Cornbelt, namely that of corn and hogs, and in trying to use and evaluate greater quantities of forages in my own hog-production operations the past year, I would like to present the following conclusions and suggestions:

(1) Large quantities of high-quality brome-alfalfa pasture and hay can be substituted for grain *if sufficient time* is allowed for the feeding period. On a dry-weight basis, 26.4 percent of the total feed given the 339 fall pigs to market weight was brome-alfalfa hay. This did not include the fall pasture. Had additional hay been available, the percentage of forage would be considerably higher.

(2) The health and vigor of the pigs receiving large quantities of quality hay to grain appeared very good to excellent, and gains were constant.

(3) With large quantities of high-quality forages to grain, it gives the hog more of a soil conserving and improving relationship to the land.

(4) It was found that sows being carried for first or second litters can use from

Seventy days on pasture for both sows and pigs also were included in the feeding test

80 to 95 percent of the total feed intake from high-quality forage pasture during pregnancy with excellent results. The sows continued to gain while on pasture. My future plans call for grass silage during the winter feeding period.

(5) Even with 26.4 percent of the feed coming from forage, it is not sufficient to set up the necessary sod crops to grain crops to maintain fertility."

The following formal research in hog production as related to land-use is suggested for the Cornbelt Agricultural Experiment Stations:

Various experiments. (a) Determine upper limits of high-quality forage utilization in hog production when *time* is not a factor.

(b) Develop strains and species of grasses and legumes that are more palatable to hogs. Compare various combinations of grasses and legumes for pasture, hay, and grass silage to obtain maximum gains from these forages thru hogs.

(c) Determine at what ages growing and fattening pigs can use quality forage most efficiently.

(d) Select and breed strains of hogs that are efficient foragers.

(e) Determine several practical alternate hog-feeding programs where large ratios of forages to grains are fed or can be fed.

(f) Determine the ratio of hogs to supplemental livestock (dairy, beef cows, and sheep) needed to follow a crop rotation on Classes I, II, III, and IV land that would maintain and conserve fertility when hogs are the major enterprise.

Will repeat farm test. You might well ask, "Does Mr. Frakes plan to continue his forage-hog program?" His answer is definitely "Yes."

However, last year he was forced back to a concentrate-feeding program because of the winterkilling of new seedings and winter damage to his old alfalfa stands. His future plans call for large quantities of high-quality pasture in his hog enterprise during the growing season, as well as hay and grass silage during the winter feeding period.

Mr. Frakes does not believe that corn will lose its place as the major crop used for hog feed in Iowa. However, he does contend that a closer balance between sod crops and grain crops must be brought about. This will create a better land-use program for the hog producer.

By the use of more sod crops, larger yields of grain can be obtained per acre. This type of hog management also can help the hog producer stretch his feed supplies during the lean years. END

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It's winter now, but the wise farmer knows he must plan his spring planting soon. There's a good lesson in the story of Barnsley Warfield whose experience with electric hotbeds is described in this month's "Farm News". It illustrates wonderfully one of the best features about electric soil heating — the fact that you know in advance that you're going to get enough seedlings of the right size for spring planting.

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Celery plants 26 days old. Left, from manure-heated bed; right, from electrically-heated bed.

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"Friends of ours, using electrically-heated beds had wonderful results and it was largely because of their success that we decided to try two electric beds ourselves. So, on the fifth of April, we installed them and seeded them the following day. After losing so many plants with manure beds in past years, it was a welcome relief to find plenty of hardy sweet-potato plants ready for the fields by May."

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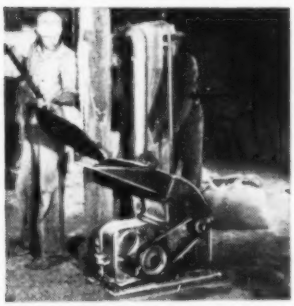

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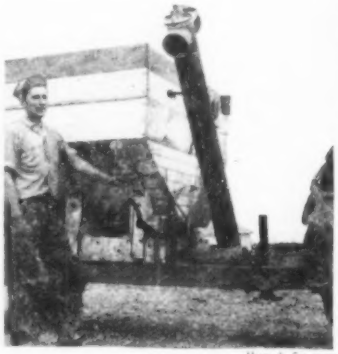

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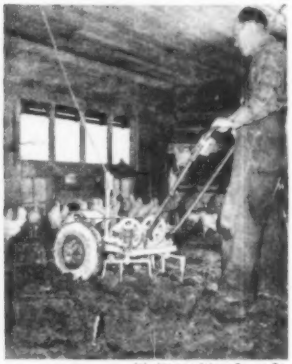

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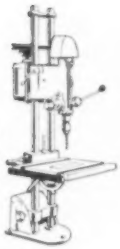

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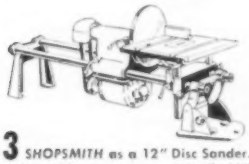

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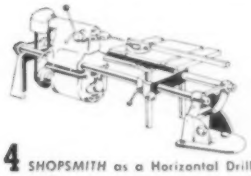

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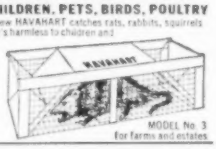

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The new movies

BECAUSE of a sad lack of attention, Hollywood has too long regarded its farm audiences as simple-minded, Saturday-night movie-goers, whose idea of entertainment consisted of little, fat men throwing custard pies at big, skinny ones.

We think this notion is as obsolete as Aunt Nellie's horsehair wreath. And, to prove our faith, we took a farmer's wife around with us this month, to pass on the current crop of films. Her judgments, we thought, were solid and discerning—even tho, in some cases, they didn't concur entirely with ours!

Unfaithfully Yours (Fox), for instance, was the subject of some dissension. I felt the story—which revolves around the effects of music on the mind—was too highfalutin. Rex Harrison, as the symphony leader who plots revenge on his supposedly unfaithful wife (Linda Darnell), seemed to me downright insipid; and I couldn't see anything even faintly funny about a dream in which Lover Boy slashes his spouse's wrists with a razor.

My friend, however, was more tolerant. She said the music—including masterpieces of Wagner, Rossini, and Tschaikovsky—might appeal to more cultured minds. Also, the slapstick situations, being just dreams, were actually funny to her!

We'll leave the last word to you!

The Three Musketeers (MGM) was another epic on which we had words. Farm Friend and I agreed the picture is a Technicolor whopper; we enjoyed Gene Kelly and Van Heflin as the swashbuckling heroes, and drooled over the beautiful wardrobes of Lana Turner and June Allyson.

Our point of difference arose over a label for the picture. Because of the happy, infectious attitude of everyone concerned, my friend termed the goings on as "light entertainment." I took the

Treacherous Lana Turner tries to ensnare heroic Gene Kelly in *The Three Musketeers*

Rex Harrison dreams up a suicide revenge vs. Linda Darnell in *Unfaithfully Yours*

demise of Ladies Allyson and Turner more seriously, and called it "romantic adventure."—Again, whatever may be your name for the posy, we think that you'll like it!

About two films, your farm reporter and this editor were in accord. "Excellently done," were our words for Warner Brothers' *June Bride* and RKO's *So Dear to My Heart*.

June Bride, a comedy, stars Bette Davis as an ambitious lady editor of a home magazine. Bob Montgomery is a foreign correspondent assigned to write—of all things—a small-town story on a June wedding!

To put new life in a tale he considers a "typical McKinley stinker," Mr. M. kicks up some shenanigans, causing a near-collapse of magazine and La Davis. Somehow, tho, the deadline is met, and all hands live happily!

So Dear to My Heart is a nostalgic, Technicolor piece about Indiana farm life in the good old days. A combination live-action and cartoon feature, it should delight Disney fans.

The story concerns a farm boy (Bobby Driscoll) who tries to make a county-fair champion of his pet black lamb. Abetting his efforts are "Grandma" Beulah Bondi; blacksmith Burl Ives; and Bobby's little girl friend, Luana Patten.

Three live animals—Danny, the ram; General Jackson, a mule; and Dan Patch, the famous pacer, figure in the cast; and among the cartoon figures, Wise Old Owl is a delightful newcomer to the screen!—*Mary J. Tapscott.*

***So Dear to My Heart,* Walt Disney's latest, stars Bobby Driscoll and singer Burl Ives**

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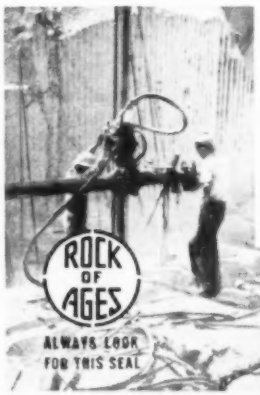

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From ready mixes

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Slide tray of ice cream onto one layer; cover with second layer.
Transfer cake to wooden board covered with heavy paper.
Spread tops and sides with meringue made by beating:
4 egg whites
¼ teaspoon salt until stiff, and adding
½ cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla gradually
Cover ice cream and cake completely.
Place in hot oven (425°) for 5 minutes, or until delicately brown.
Transfer to chilled platter; slice.

Double-Rich Stick-Candy Milk Shakes

Serves 4

Follow directions given on package of commercial mix for plain vanilla ice cream.
Fold in ... **½ cup crushed peppermint-stick candy**
Freeze according to directions.
Crush ... **¼ pound peppermint-stick candy**
Add ... **⅛ teaspoon salt**
1 cup milk
Cover; chill 2 or 3 hours; stir occasionally until candy dissolves.
Add ... **3 cups chilled milk** when ready to serve.
Add frozen peppermint ice cream to milk.
Shake or beat thoroly; pour into glasses.
Top each glass with a spoon of **whipped cream**
Sprinkle crushed **peppermint candy** on whipped cream.

Gingerbread Waffle-Ice Cream Sundae

Prepare waffle batter using:
1 package gingerbread mix
¾ cup water
Pour batter onto greased waffle iron.
Bake until done.
Mound ... **vanilla** or **French vanilla ice cream** in center of each waffle section.
Spoon ... **fudge** or **butterscotch sauce** over ice cream.

Cream-Filled Gingerbread Dessert

Serves 6

Prepare gingerbread batter from **1 package gingerbread mix,** following directions given on package.
Bake in greased, waxed-paper-lined, 5- by 9-inch loaf pan.
Split loaf in two or three layers.
Spread each layer generously with **sweetened whipped cream**
Put layers together.
Garnish with **English walnut halves.**

Frosted Gingerbread Boys

Combine ⅓ **cup milk**
1 package commercial gingerbread mix
Stir until thoroly mixed.
Chill dough for easier handling.
Roll ¼ inch thick on floured board.
Cut out with gingerbread-man cutter.
Make eyes, nose, buttons, and so forth with **currants, raisins, pieces of dates,** or **cherries**
Bake in moderately hot oven (375°) 10 minutes, or until done.
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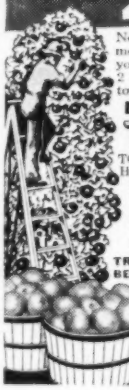

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Calories	
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60	Corn flakes, 1 cup
100	Popcorn (no butter), 1 1/2 cups
45	Puffed rice, 1 cup
115	Rolled oats, cooked, 2/3 cup
105	Wheat cereal, cooked, 2/3 cup

DESSERTS AND SWEETS

Calories	
150	Angel cake, 3-inch wedge
210	Apple dumpling, average
200	Apple pie, 3-inch wedge
125	Baked custard, 1
200	Bread pudding, 1/2 cup
400	Chocolate cake (2 layers), 2-inch wedge
450	Chocolate candy bar
60	Chocolate sauce, 1 tablespoon
150	Cream puff, small
100	Cupcake, plain, uniced
150	Custard pie, plain, 3-inch wedge
200	Doughnut, 1 average
100	Fruitcake, 1/2"x2"x2" slice
90	Gelatine dessert (no cream), 1/2 cup
200	Gingerbread, average serving
100	Hard sauce, 1 tablespoon
250	Ice cream, chocolate, 1/2 cup
215	Ice cream, vanilla, 1/2 cup
300	Lemon meringue pie, 3-inch wedge
55	Macaroon, 1
450	Malted milk, all flavors
20	Marshmallow, 1
500	Mince pie, 3-inch wedge
135	Rice pudding with egg, 1/2 cup
200	Sherbert, 1/2 cup
300	Strawberry shortcake (old-fashioned biscuit), with whipped cream
45	Sugar, brown, 1 teaspoon
20	Sugar, white, 1 teaspoon
50	Sugar cooky, 1
425	Sundae, chocolate ice cream, chocolate sauce, nut sprinkled
35	Whipped cream, 1 tablespoon

DRESSINGS AND SAUCES

Calories	
170	Bread stuffing, 1/2 cup
20	Catsup, 1 tablespoon
25	Chili sauce, 1 tablespoon
100	Creole sauce, 1/4 cup
110	Drawn butter, 1 tablespoon
65	French dressing, 1 tablespoon
75	Gravy, 1/4 cup
5	Lemon, 1 husky wedge
90	Macaroni, 1/2 cup
220	Mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons
12	Mayonnaise, reducer's mineral oil, 1 tablespoon
90	Rice, 1/2 cup
50	Salad dressing, 2 tablespoons
100	Tartare sauce, 1 tablespoon
85	Tomato sauce, 1/4 cup
100	White sauce, 1/4 cup

FISH

Calories	
100	Fish, broiled or steamed, lean (bass, cod, haddock, halibut), average serving
185	Fish, broiled or steamed, fat (mackerel, tuna, and so forth) average serving
210	Fish, fried (most fish) average serving
80	Oysters, 4 to 6 medium
110	Salmon, canned, 1/2 cup
40	Sardines, canned, 2, 3 inches long
125	Tuna fish, canned, 1/2 cup

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160	Chicken, creamed, ½ cup
330	Chicken, fried, 1 thigh and 1 leg
180	Chicken, roast, 1 thigh and 1 leg
500	Chicken pie, with biscuit, ⅔ cup
170	Duck, roast, ¼ breast and 1 thigh
160	Turkey, average serving

FRUITS AND FRUIT JUICES

Calories	
160	Apple, baked, sweet, 1 medium
80	Apple, fresh, 1 medium
135	Applesauce, sweet, ½ cup
45	Apricots, canned, with syrup, 3 halves
100	Banana, 1 medium
85	Cherries, Royal Anne, with syrup, 12 large (½ cup)
100	Cranberry sauce, sweet, ¼ cup
65	Fruit cocktail, ½ cup
110	Grape juice, ¾ cup
45	Grapefruit, ½ medium
80	Grapefruit juice, unsweetened, ¾ cup
80	Grapes, medium bunch
5	Lemon juice, 1 tablespoon
15	Olive, green or ripe, 1 medium
50	Orange, 1 medium
85	Orange juice, ¾ cup
75	Peaches, canned, with syrup, 2 halves
75	Pears, canned, with syrup, 2 halves
85	Pineapple, canned, with syrup, 1 slice
90	Pineapple juice, ¾ cup
200	Prunes, stewed, 4
25	Raisins, seedless, 1 tablespoon
175	Rhubarb sauce, sweet, ½ cup
40	Tangerine, 1 average
40	Tomato juice, ¾ cup

JAMS, JELLIES, AND SPREADS

Calories	
85	Corn syrup, 1 tablespoon
65	Honey, strained, 1 tablespoon
60	Jam, 1 tablespoon
45	Jelly, 1 tablespoon
50	Maple syrup, 1 tablespoon
85	Marmalade, orange or fruit, 1 tablespoon
50	Molasses, 1 tablespoon
105	Peanut butter, 1 tablespoon

MEATS

Calories	
95	Bacon, 3 crisp strips
225	Beef, corned, canned, average serving
100	Beef pot roast, lean, average serving
100	Beef rib roast, lean, average serving
235	Beefsteak, ½ sirloin
100	Bologna sausage, medium, ½-inch slice
150	Frankfurter, 1 large
100	Ham, smoked, lean, boiled, average serving
100	Lamb, leg, roasted, average serving
100	Lamb, rib chop, lean only, 1
120	Liver, average serving
200	Pork chop, lean only, 1
200	Pork loin roast, lean, average serving
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35	Perfection salad, ½ cup
200	Potato salad, ½ cup
240	Waldorf salad, ½ cup

SANDWICHES AND STAPLES

Calories	
160	Macaroni and cheese, ½ cup
130	Omelet, 1 egg
290	Sandwich, bacon and tomato, 2 slices bread
325	Sandwich, cheese, 2 slices bread
300	Sandwich, ham, 2 slices bread
390	Sandwich, hamburger, 1 bun
365	Sandwich, peanut butter, 2 slices bread
290	Spaghetti with meat sauce, 1 cup
155	Spanish rice, ¾ cup

SOUPS

Calories	
120	Asparagus, cream of, 1 cup
235	Bean, 1 cup
160	Celery, cream of, 1 cup
75	Chicken, 1 cup
155	Corn, cream of, 1 cup
225	Oyster stew, 1 cup
165	Pea, cream of, 1 cup
200	Potato, 1 cup
155	Tomato, cream of, 1 cup
90	Vegetable, 1 cup

VEGETABLES

Calories	
15	Asparagus, 6 stalks, 5 inches long
250	Beans, baked, with pork and molasses, ½ cup
35	Beans, green, ½ cup, 1-inch pieces
130	Beans, Limas, fresh, ½ cup
45	Beets, ½ cup, diced
15	Cabbage, shredded, ½ to ⅔ cup
45	Carrots, ⅔ cup diced, or 1 large
30	Cauliflower, 1 cup
10	Celery, 2 stalks, 7 inches long
100	Corn, ½ cup canned
2	Lettuce, leaf, 1 large
50	Onions, 2 to 3 small or 1 large
65	Peas, canned, drained, ½ cup
100	Potato, baked, 1 medium
100	Potatoes, creamed, ½ cup
200	Potato, sweet, 1 medium
100	Potatoes, French fries, 8
100	Potatoes, mashed, ½ cup
25	Sauerkraut, ⅔ cup
20	Spinach, fresh, ½ cup cooked
45	Squash, winter, ½ cup mashed
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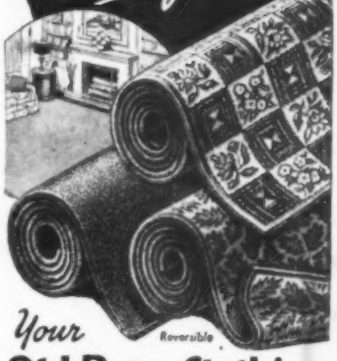

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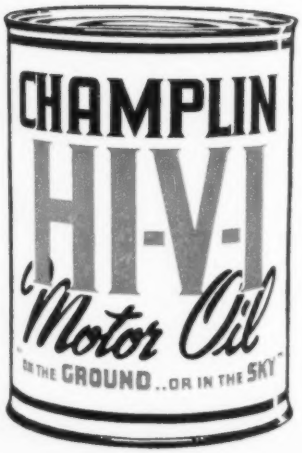

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What's ahead for farming

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Hogs The farmers have bred more sows—and probably have bred them earlier—for spring farrowing. Feed supplies and the demand for pork justified this. If demand holds and corn prices stay low in relation to pork prices, more heavyweight hogs will move to market in the spring and summer. Prices are expected to weaken more than normal late in the fall hog run. Early-spring farrowing, making early-fall marketing possible, will pay dividends. It isn't expected, however, that hog prices will fall to support levels during the hog-marketing year.

Beef Cattle feeding usually expands when feed supplies are plentiful. Farmers will feed to heavier weights, and there will be keen competition between immediate slaughter and feedlot operations. The present situation points to profitable cattle feedings. However, with feeders at present prices, it will pay to be careful.

Grains With the large supply, feed-grain prices are expected to average about one-third lower this winter than last. Supplies of soybeans and other oil seeds also are at record levels. This could be a good time to lay in a supply of feed if you are going to need it.

Fruits and vegetables

Production and prices in 1949 are not expected to differ greatly from last year. Demand here at home will be about the same, altho exports, which have never been large, may be even smaller. Prices growers get for individual crops, of course, will be affected by any marked change in production.

No more than normal working stocks of canned or frozen vegetables are expected to remain in the hands of packers and wholesale distributors at the beginning of the 1949 pack season. Supports on potatoes will be lower.

Cost of living

On the farm, family-living side of the outlook picture, there seems to be little chance of a substantial drop in the high cost. With prices up less for furnishings and equipment than for food and clothing, farm families probably will continue heavy purchases of these goods if general economic conditions don't become too unfavorable.

Farm prices Whatever happens, farm prices will continue to follow the trend of the general price level but will fluctuate around it, depending on the demand and supply of food and fiber. Beginning with the collapse of prices in 1920, farm prices were the first to decline. Farm prices remained below parity for more than 20 years, averaging about 87 percent of parity during the twenties and about 75 percent during the thirties.

In the past few years, farm prices have ranged between 10 and 20 percent above parity, wholesale prices of nonfarm products, and the general price level. Farmers, tho, may be expected to lose this unusual advantage during the next year or two

thru a decline in farm prices, a rise in costs, or both.

Even if this country avoids a sharp drop in prices and business activity, a decline to parity prices for farm products would mean a substantial decrease in net farm incomes. Such a thing could seem to many farmers like a recession in comparison with recent years. Such a decline is generally expected by farmers but it will not be enjoyed.

Household equipment

Because of government demands for steel for military uses, and for the rehabilitation of Western Europe, the supply of the larger household appliances may be uncertain, and it appears now that prices will be no lower.

Small household equipment and furniture are more plentiful, but don't expect substantially lower prices. It's gone far enough, however, so that the days of shopping around for bargains are coming back. "Asking prices," in general, are expected to be about the same as they were in 1948.

Clothing

Wholesale textile prices have declined, and retail sales at reduced prices in many stores indicate production has caught up with demand. The supply of woolens is good, rayon and cotton production high, but if the general price level holds, clothing prices are not likely to decline severely.

Industrial production

So, in spite of the boom level of general business activity, a few industries, mostly those making consumer goods, have had difficulties because their output has exceeded demand at quoted prices.

So far, these adjustments in production and prices have been limited to one or two industries and crops at a time, and have not been too serious because of continued high levels of consumer spending.

If this process of piecemeal adjustment continues, it might be possible to get down gradually from boom heights to firmer ground without a smashup. If a sharp break in the general price level should occur, however, demand for all commodities would decline, and we would have the general underconsumption which always occurs in depression times. This is popularly, but erroneously, called overproduction.

If such a depression hits us, probably it will be of short duration. After the readjustment, there are excellent prospects for several years of high production and employment to catch up on the shortage of durable goods. This would be a time of reasonable prosperity for you and others who have managed their business so they are not burdened with heavy debts.

Cautious farm operation

There are bound to be some uncertainties ahead for you—perhaps somewhat higher prices for the things you buy and lower for those you sell, perhaps a continued boom for a while and then a recession; certainly, big government spending for arms and for rehabilitation of Western European countries, certainly some anxiety about relations with Russia. In view of this outlook, cautious, conservative farm operation obviously is the soundest policy to follow. END

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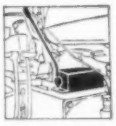

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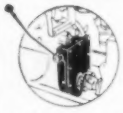

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New spray knocks mange

Hog-raisers are having good luck with BHC. Field tests check with farm findings

By Harold Severson and C. E. Hughes

NEXT time your hogs start scratching because of mange, remember the experience of Art Bohnsack, Scott County, Minnesota. Chet Graham, the county agent, had told us that Art was one of the first in his county to use benzene hexachloride (called BHC for short) to control mange.

Success with hand sprayer. "It's the real stuff," Art declared emphatically. "I had never run into mange until I bought two sows at a sale. First thing I knew, all my sows and their pigs were mangy. So I tried out two different kinds of mange oil. Neither did a bit of good.

"Then I remembered an article about new pest killers in *Successful Farming* (February, 1948), so I bought a pound of benzene hexachloride and mixed it with 2½ gallons of water. Then I penned up all 95 of my pigs and poured the BHC on them, using a 3-gallon hand sprayer.

"There's no question about the effectiveness of benzene hexachloride," Art continued. "I haven't had a bit of trouble since that one application."

Worked for others, too. Over in Goodhue County, Minnesota, lives Vernon Perkins, a dairyman and hog producer. Vernon is one of those farmers who wants everything to function perfectly. So when his pigs showed up mangy, he asked his brother-in-law, a veterinarian, for advice. It came in the handy form of a can of BHC.

"I penned up those pigs in a little pen, and then I sloshed them with a solution of the benzene hexachloride," Vernon relates. "Those pigs almost went crazy. They climbed all over one another and in doing so they got that solution rubbed on their sides and bellies. The mange disappeared."

Raymond Grassman of Le Sueur County, Minnesota, had a bunch of 61 April-farrowed pigs that really were mangy.

"They'd scratch and scratch to the point where it was impossible for them to put on any weight," he recalls. "Their ears were just twisted out of shape. I guess it was about as bad an outbreak of mange as a fellow would ever want to see.

"Well, I tried some mange oil, but it didn't do any good. Then the vet over at New Prague suggested that I use this benzene hexachloride.

"No, I didn't get rid of the mange in a single treatment. I followed directions all right, but it took seven applications. The pigs are doing all right now, and their coats are nice and smooth."

Dipped his pigs. James Grass, Steele County, Minnesota, is a Spotted Poland China breeder who follows every rule on hog sanitation. So when a local veterinarian advised him to use BHC to clean up his pigs before they got into the pasture, Jim did just that. He fixed up a solution in a tank and put each pig into it, completely submerging them to make certain the chemical reached every spot.

"It did a first-class job of cleaning up those pigs," he relates, "and we've had no trouble at all with mange since we began using BHC."

Tried sprinkling can. Talk to George Sohm, also of Le Sueur County, Minnesota, and you get a vote of confidence in BHC's ability to control mange.

"We bought some spring pigs," he relates, "and soon found they were mangy. Upon the advice of a local veterinarian, we bought some BHC and mixed it with water. Then we sprinkled the pigs from an old sprinkling can, and it looks as if this new chemical has done the business."

Used power sprayer. Running pigs into the lot next to the barn and using a tractor-mounted power sprayer was the method which spelled success for Marion Steddom, Polk County, Iowa. He found that something less than 150 pounds pressure was plenty. By wetting the pigs' backs, enough ran down to take care of their bellies.

Dusting in cold weather. Most of the hog-growers interviewed used BHC as a spray, but it can also be applied in powder form. Experts advise the use of the powder in cold weather. Just sprinkle the powder on the pigs' backs and let some of it sift into the straw. This controls the lice and the mange quite effectively.

Ray L. Cuff, regional manager of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board, Kansas City, Missouri, has had a world of experience using BHC on farms and ranches of Missouri and Kansas. He prefers spraying, if the weather is not too severe, because it's easier to get complete coverage. Cuff says, however, that an effective job can be done by dusting BHC over the hogs' backs.

He told of the experience of W. C. Rickel, Basehor, Kansas, whose hogs were so wild that he didn't think the job could be accomplished thru spraying. At night the hogs slept in an open-front shed, so Cuff suggested that Rickel sprinkle 4 pounds of BHC dust thru the straw in this 50- by 100-foot structure.

Rickel, delighted over ridding the hogs of both mange and lice, exclaimed, "There's nothing to it." But Cuff warns that it isn't perfect. True, the process did a perfect job for Rickel, but it might fall a little short of that accomplishment with the next fellow.

Some don't like smell. Several farmers have expressed their dislike for the

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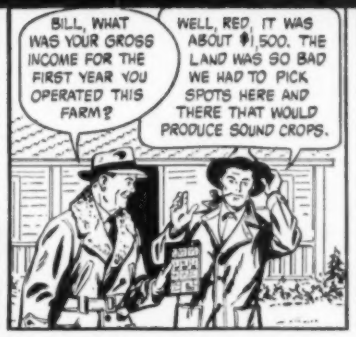
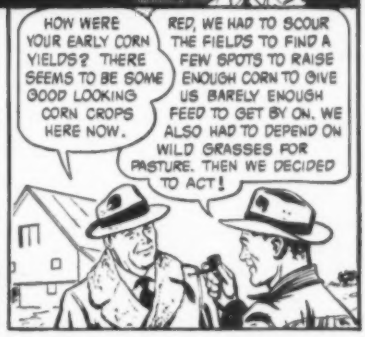
"RED" BRAND visits BILL ROPER

"Red" Brand is the helpful, friendly dealer who sells the farmers around here many of the things they need (including Red Brand Fence and Red Top Steel Posts).

Just a few miles outside of "Red's" community Bill Roper operates a 152 acre farm. Five families used to share-crop this farm with cotton alone. By working hard all year these families were lucky to make 3 bales of cotton.

The other day Bill Roper told "Red" about the amazing results he has experienced since putting a practical land use plan to work. Let's join "Red" and Bill as they leave the farm house.





Most of our land is rolling and, as a result, our fields were badly eroded. We called in our local soil conservationist. He was glad to work with us in improving the general condition of the land and, at the same time, increase the money we were making.

The first thing he did was make a map of the entire 152 acres showing the great need for terracing. Then the soil was carefully analyzed. When the conservationist had completed his preliminary work he was able to tell us how much fertilizer was needed to rebuild the quality of the soil and also where to place our terraces to better conserve water and stop erosion.

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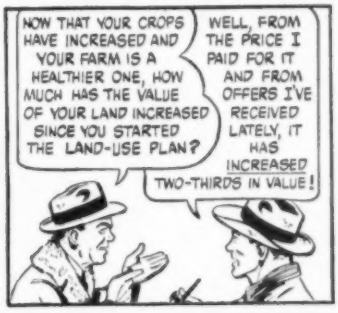

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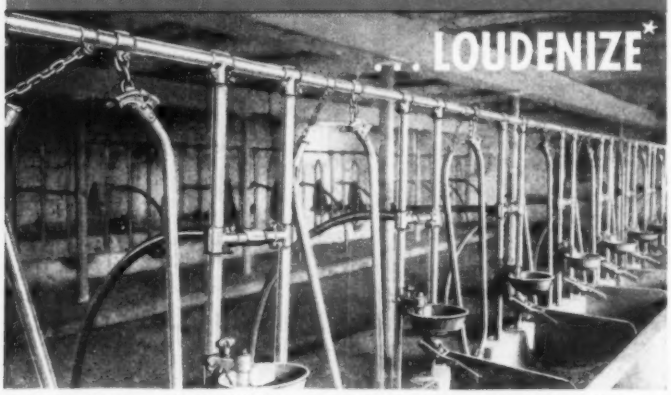

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New spray knocks mange

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odor of BHC. For instance, Marion Steddom, tho highly pleased with the effective job of ridding his pigs of mange, said he hoped that something else, such as chlordane, would come along. He told how the shirt he wore while spraying smelled up the rest of the clothes when his wife put them thru the washer.

Bill McGinnis, Washington County, Iowa, also likes BHC fine, but doesn't believe the smell is good for the hogs. For that reason, he still keeps a barrel of oil around. However, he believes that BHC is all right if the hogs are sprayed outside of their sleeping quarters.

The U.S.D.A. reported recently that, according to their observations, commercial BHC had produced no physical discomfort or other injury to the hogs. The musty odor of the chemical left the hogs within two days, but two weeks were needed for complete disappearance from the shelters where the animals were sprayed. And Ray Cuff told us that he had never had any difficulty with the common uses of BHC.

Does BHC taint pork? Going hand in hand with the discussion of odor is the question of whether spraying with BHC will taint the pork. There's some difference of opinion on this question.

Ray Cuff said he knew of no instance where such a thing had occurred, but he urged hog-raisers to guard against getting BHC in either the feed or water. He added that Dr. E. W. Laake, senior entomologist, U. S. Bureau of Entomology, sprayed 2 hogs with a solution mixed at the rate of 40 pounds of BHC (6 percent gamma isomer) to 100 gallons of water. That's 5 times the rate that Cuff now recommends. The hogs were slaughtered the day after spraying, and the meat was distributed among 13 families. But not a one complained of their pork being tainted or unfit to eat.

Cuff told of one man who had 4,000 garbage-fed hogs, all mangy. After some urging, he tried BHC, mixing 8 pounds to every 100 gallons of water in a concrete vat which the hogs used in the summertime as a wallow. When these hogs went to slaughter, not a word of complaint was made by the processor about tainted pork.

Despite all this, some people advocate that from two to four weeks be allowed between spraying and marketing time.

Cuff said that several manufacturers now were putting out brands of BHC from which most of the smelly part (found largely in the delta isomer) had been removed. He added that it would take the same concentration of the gamma isomer to get the job done.

Furthermore, it's a good idea, he said, to study the recommended concentrations on the label, because some preparations have a higher percentage of active ingredient than others.

Does BHC poison hogs? When going into the matter of toxicity of BHC, or any other of the new chemicals, you're heading down an avenue that needs a lot more investigation.

As for BHC, few reports have been received so far of any toxic effects on livestock, altho the U.S.D.A. has found that calves less than 2 months old are far more susceptible than older animals.

As for the chances of chlordane, which has a less objectionable odor, displacing BHC, as Steddom suggested, that's something that time and experience will settle. It's true that the Omaha Livestock Sanitary and Loss Prevention Board, in cooperation with other agencies, has treated some 2,000 hogs with BHC or chlordane, with each giving excellent results even when the mange had reached advanced stages.

But Cuff says that even tho a few of the newer chlorinated materials will eradicate hog mange with one thoro dose, it still is hard to beat the safe, fast-acting, low-cost BHC that is so effective in controlling live lice, louse eggs, mange, scab, and ticks on cattle, hogs, and sheep.

And so chemical progress rolls ahead at an almost breathless pace. Many wonderful discoveries are being made, even tho some questions are not yet completely answered. But growing ever clearer is the fact that mange and many other livestock pests are on their way out. **END**

New book honors sheep

ROMANCE and glamour have come to the sheep industry, long overshadowed by the more exciting and colorful cattle business, thru presentation of the book, *America's Sheep Trails*. The author is Colonel E. N. Wentworth, for more than a quarter-century director of the Armour and Company Livestock Bureau.

This 667-page book, rich with illustrations and personalities—many known by the author—starts with a brief discussion of the ovine species from the Stone Age to the colonization of America. The author then launches into an exhaustive, yet highly entertaining, discussion of how America has shaped the sheep industry, or, conversely, how the sheep industry has helped shape America.

Anyone disturbed over the present slump in sheep raising will be heartened to learn that sheepmen in earlier times had their ups and downs and then bounced back to prosperity. Tariff regulations, a burning issue today, has been a hot potato before.

Sheep surged westward over the great trails as a vanguard of civilization, later to reverse their direction when the Western states found they could produce sheep cheaper than Cornbelt farms but had to depend on Midwestern feedlots to finish them for market. There also was a gradual realization of the need for mutton as well as wool qualities in sheep, which was reflected in breeding changes of the Nineteenth Century.

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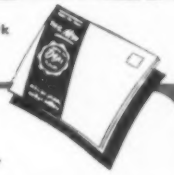

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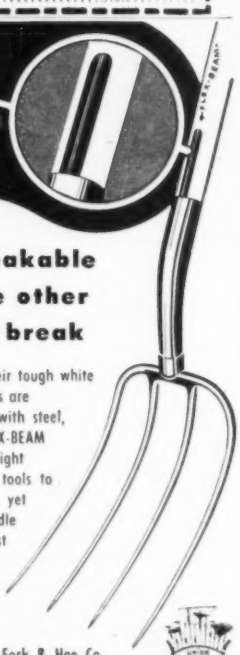

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"Good farming is not enough"

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came the farm's name—Millbrook. And from that old mill, too, has come a modern, six-room tenant house which now stands across the little brook from the Spaces' own home. "We like to have our hired man, Howard Bundy, and his family live as good as we do in our home," said the Spaces.

FOUR years ago, Ralph, Zetta, and Ronald remodeled their own house. On the cover of this issue you can see—as the wing nearest to you—the sun porch they added to the gracious, old home. You can't see how they tore out interior partitions to make new, larger rooms. Nor can you see without reference to a "before" picture, the larger windows added for more light.

Based on plenty of electric current, automatic heat, running water, and insulation, the Spaces have built a program for comfortable living no matter what the weather. And they need no longer take refuge from the deep snows and cutting winds of their region behind tiny windows and thick walls.

That's the way the farming has gone, too—a studied effort to keep modern, employ laborsaving machinery, outfigure the markets, and yet not go overboard for things just because they're new.

Dairying is a favorite subject with Ralph and Ronald. When I called at Millbrook last summer, they modestly described how, from their first registered Holstein heifer, they had built their herd of registered Holsteins thru careful selection and the use of top-notch herd sires.

For the 15 years that D.H.I.A. records have been kept, the herd has maintained an average production of more than 10,000 pounds of milk per cow and 360 pounds of butterfat. Now the figures read 12,000 pounds of milk and 443 pounds of butterfat—double the New York State production average.

RIGHT now Ralph has 32 milkers and 35 head of young stock—all bred on the farm either by the bulls he keeps or by artificial insemination. His cows freshen the year around; and even when they are on good pasture they get grain at milking time. "You don't want to underfeed them when you get $5 a hundred for shipping milk to New York City in June," he said with a smile.

Both Ralph and his father, Fred, before him produced fluid milk for the Big City market; but Ralph's grandfather, Thomas Space, in the middle 1800's marketed his product differently. He made butter on the farm in 100-pound firkins in the summer and 50-pound tubs in the winter, and sold it at a few cents a pound in near-

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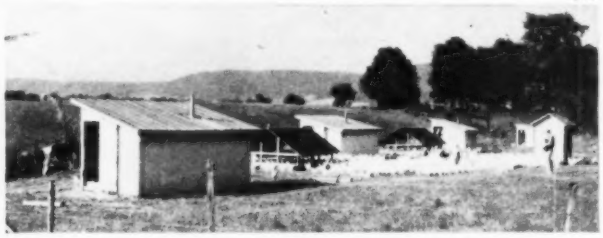

Pullet "recruits" for the 1,200-hen, White Leghorn laying flock here range over the Spaces' carefully-kept grasslands. There's much woodland, too

Marion Pease

The well-equipped, stepsaving kitchen you see Mrs. Space using here was installed in the old house some years ago. Equipment has been kept up to date

by Cortland. Dairying has come a long way since then, and people like the Spaces, farming and working as a family proud of their product, have helped the industry along.

Speaking of prices, the Spaces explained why they keep at least 1,200 White Leghorn laying hens. "This way we don't have all our eggs in one basket. We believe it means more security and stability in our farm business," Mrs. Space observed. Ralph added that "when chicken and egg prices are comparatively low, dairy prices are usually better. Then this situation sometimes is reversed." The interesting thing about the Space way of farming is that Ralph and Ronald are partners with Mrs. Space in the poultry business and she with them in dairying.

MORE than half of the rolling farm is in pasture or hay seeding; 90 acres altogether. And to get better pasture growth thru the season, Ralph clips and "doctors" (as he puts it) with plenty of lime and other fertilizers.

The three of us talked about the trend toward grass silage in the Northeast, and they commented that, altho they had been putting up all the hay the "old-fashioned way" in the mow, they intended to get some of their grass in the large tile silo within the next year or two.

Not only is grass silage good cattle feed but, in places like Dryden where you can't always make hay while the sun shines, it sometimes means the difference between a crop or no crop at all. Ralph, a conservative farmer, emphasized, tho, that he wasn't shifting 100 percent to grass silage.

Because of what they term "catchy weather," Ralph and son Ronald, age 17, argue that farmers in the area must have enough laborsaving equipment on hand and ready to run "so you don't lose out." Millbrook is well equipped with standard farm machinery—milkers, tractors, seeders—but such things as hay-dryers still are missing. The Spaces are waiting "until more of the 'bugs' are taken out." They watch progress reports and experiments like hawks.

MACHINERY has made a difference in the house, too. The five-cubic-foot "baby zero" freezer, for example. The Spaces like the frozen vegetables from their garden and the frozen pork and beef that is slaughtered on the farm. And then there's the gallon of ice cream that's always in the freezer. Their larger, generally jam-packed locker over in a Cortland community plant feeds the "baby zero" well. Mrs. Space says "there's no need to freeze chicken because there's always one we can cull."

They know the joy of busy hands not only in farming, but in community affairs. Ralph is active in farm and civic organizations. He has been president of the County Farm Home Bureau and 4-H Club Association and was one of the first directors of the Pioneer Artificial Breeding Association. He goes to Rotary luncheons in Ithaca nearly every Wednesday, and whenever possible we sit together. I like to get his viewpoint on current events and hear about what's going on out on the farm.

One noon our conversation turned to Ronald, "the mechanic on the farm," who had a ball game scheduled that night over in Dryden. His father said

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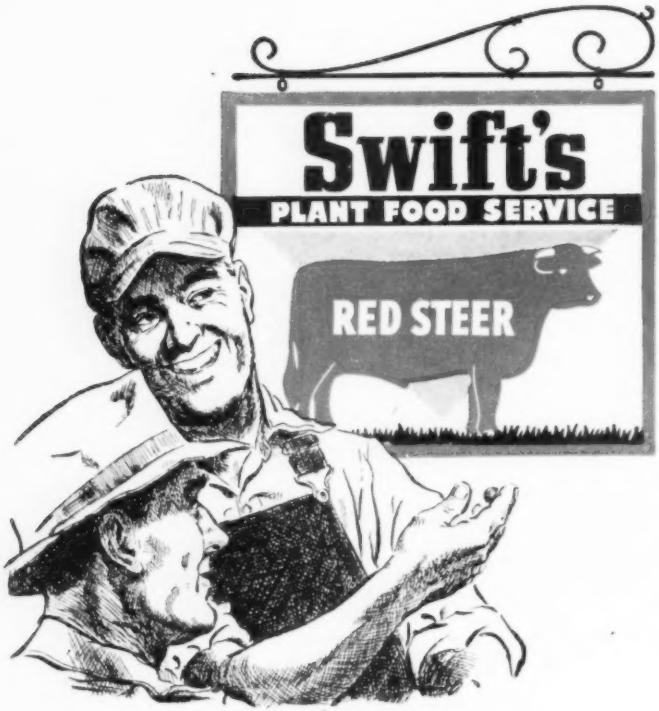

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"Good farming is not enough"

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Ronald hopes to go to nearby Cornell, the University Ralph himself attended, when he is graduated from high school in June. His ambition is to study agricultural and mechanical engineering. After this he wants to "go out on his own for a while and then come back to the farm."

When he does, he'll carry Millbrook along toward its *second* century. It was in 1941 that Millbrook and the Spaces were given recognition by the Farm Bureau in Tompkins County as a 100-year farm. The Farm Bureau in a number of New York counties has honored the state's 100-year farms.

The New York State Agricultural Society, itself an organization founded in 1832, also honors farmers and their families with the Order of Century Farmers.

The Century award was begun in 1935 by the late Dr. Carl E. Ladd, dean of agriculture at our Cornell University. The requirements were and are that a Century Farmer must own, operate, and reside on a farm which for a century or more has been continuously owned and operated by his family.

> **The surest way to hit a woman's heart is to take aim kneeling.**
>
> — *Douglas Jerrold*

We of the University's college of agriculture feel that the records of 100-year farms are worth keeping—officially, where they can't become lost or muddled. They invariably show that the farm men and women involved have found a way of living that's worth passing along. They have been financially secure. Few have been wealthy.

They have been quick to adopt better farming practices when those practices have been proved. They have insisted upon personal comfort and spiritual independence as their just reward for hard farm toil. And because they have insisted on comfort and upon modern equipment, they have inspired their children to become farmers, too.

Right down Ralph Space's farm road there are three 100-year farms in a row—Ralph's, the William McClintok place, and the Griswold-Downey farm. They all follow the same pattern of improvement thru the years. They all seem to confirm the Space family's argument that just good farming isn't enough. That good living has to come into the picture, too.

This isn't peculiar to New York State. Not by a long shot. When I read the article about the J. S. Woodburn family from Illinois in the December *Successful Farming*, I thought to myself that a Century Farm award might be a good idea in other states. The Woodburns are up to the fifth generation of farmers in the community. It won't be too long before the home place will qualify as a Century Farm itself.

Does your neighborhood have Century Farms or places that are approaching that? You might write me about them this winter as you have time. I'd like to know how many such farms there are beyond the East Coast area. **END**

Now—weedless grain and pastures

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¼ pound of the amine at the maximum.

If you're afraid to risk 2,4-D on your flax, you might want to use Sinox or Dow Selective. These are dinitro compounds, and safer to use on flax and the legumes. Their drawback is that as yet they cannot be applied at a low gallonage per acre.

Where most of the 2,4-D now is going on at the rate of 5 to 10 gallons of diluted spray per acre, these compounds mix up into a spray which goes on at the rate of at least 80 gallons to the acre.

A mere whiff of 2,4-D will rid your pastures of dandelion, marshelder, and the like. To get rid of thistles, ironweed, and bindweed will take more than one spraying. But you still can leave the scythe hanging in the tool shed.

Pasture grasses can stand a little heavier dose of 2,4-D than grains, so the rates start at ½ pound of ester, or ¾ to 1 pound of amine. Double the rate for hard-to-kill weeds.

Cornbelt farmers are finding 2,4-D especially handy in helping kill or weaken perennial weeds in pastures just before renovation. This controls the weeds so they don't compete with the new seeding of a pasture.

How many sprayings it takes to do the job depends on how hard you've been after the weeds before. A patch of thistles, for instance, that has been mowed each year will yield to 2,4-D a lot more quickly than thistles which have had their own way for years.

One further tip, learned the hard way: No sprayer manufacturer can safely label his machine as one which will deliver any set gallonage of spray per acre. That depends on how fast you travel thru the field, and upon how many times you slow down to watch a passing airplane.

At today's low gallonage per acre, it doesn't take much of an error to risk damaging your crops. So use this idea: Fill your sprayer, and go out and spray a marked-off acre in the pasture, keeping track of the gear and throttle adjustment you use. Then measure how much spray you used. After that, adjust your speed or the strength of the spray to get the exact combination you need. END

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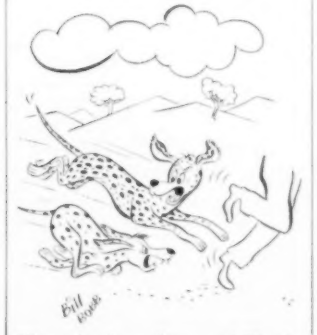

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Sweet clover hikes corn yields

SOME Ohio farmers—in spite of damage to their soils—use a two-year rotation of corn and oats. It has been proved that those men can reduce fertility losses and improve their corn yields by seeding sweet clover in the oats, so the clover is plowed down ahead of the corn crop planted the next year.

Corn yields were raised 16.1 bushels per acre, and oat yields of both grain and straw were improved over a period of six years. The tests also showed that corn yields were considerably better when the sweet clover was plowed down in the fall, than if plowed at any time in the spring preceding corn planting.

Early-spring plowing of the sweet clover residues is better than later preparation of the seedbed.—*A. J. Patch.*

More wilt-proof tomato varieties?

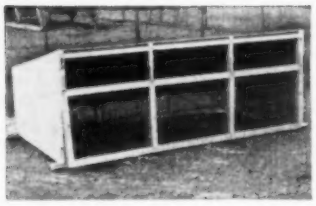
RESEARCH workers in the United States Department of Agriculture now report another step forward in the search to find a way to make tomatoes immune to wilt. For 25 years, chemists have wondered why some tomato plants were immune to wilt which killed others.

Now they have discovered that wilt-resistant tomato plants manufacture a chemical compound which halts invading wilt organisms. This new compound, called "tomatine," now can be prepared in pure form. It will be used to make a detailed study of how the plant uses it to keep off wilt attacks. This should pave the way for the production of more wilt-resistant varieties of tomatoes.

Today's wilt-resistant tomatoes are the result of a plant-breeding project started a quarter of a century ago, when the disease threatened to wipe out the tomato-growing industry in the Southeast. A world-wide search for a tomato plant having high natural immunity to wilt produced just one—the "Red Currant" tomato growing wild in South America.

Because of its very small fruit, this variety could not be introduced as a replacement for the varieties being grown in North America. By crossing this wild, wilt-resistant variety with cultivated, wilt-susceptible varieties, however, the plant breeders succeeded in developing a wilt-resistant variety bearing fruit of good commercial quality. END

Tomatoes show varying immunity to wilt



Year 'round shelter for geese

THIS pen for domestic geese, built 4'x8', is inexpensive, can be made in a few hours, and is worth several times the investment in material and labor. So says John L. Peyton, who keeps a flock of geese in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

While, as Peyton points out, large numbers of geese on any one farm are rare, many farmers have a dozen or so each. This shelter is ideal under such circumstances, because it accommodates 15 to 20 geese, and it is useful any time of year. If geese are kept over for breeding, it is a good place to winter them. It serves as shelter in spring and fall, too.

The frame is made of 78 lineal feet of 2x2's, divided as follows: 2 pieces, each 9' long; 2 each 8' long; six 4' long; four 3'; and four 2'. The roof is one piece of 4'x8' marine plywood, a standard size which does not have to be cut.

The back is plywood, 2'x8'. The ends, 3' high in front and 2' at the rear, both are sawed out of one piece of 4'x8' plywood. The door in front, hinged and hooked, 2' high and 8' long, covered with wire, is framed in 1"x2" material.

Thus, the shelter is light enough to be carried by two men. Several built on the same plan and covered with a coat of aluminum paint are giving good service at the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.—*Walter J. Hunt.*

Two buildings in one

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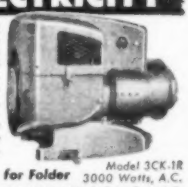

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They soon reached their destination and ordered steaks with all the trimmings. The Indian wolfed down everything in sight. One of his companions remarked to the redskin that only an hour ago he'd said he wasn't hungry.

"No use be hungry back there," the Indian replied, "—no food."

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The popular novelist, Kathleen Norris, numbers herself among the vast army of travelers who consider a passport photograph the most depressing of travel aids.

Entering the harbor of Rio de Janeiro during a South American tour, Mrs. Norris looked at her picture and said:

"If the port authorities don't recognize me from this atrocious picture, I can't go ashore, but if they do—if they do—I'll jump overboard!"

The Error of Our Ways

(Calls From the News Columns)

Lilliputians?

Informal portrait night is limited by this rule: Snapshots must be of a person not larger than 8x10 inches.—*Dalton (Georgia) Citizen.*

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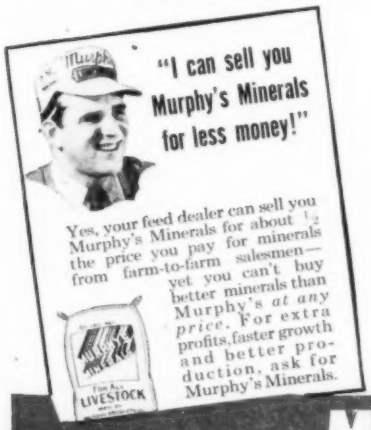

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Veterinary

New test for locating Bang's

ALL AGENCIES charged with control of cattle brucellosis are much interested in a new diagnostic measure which is called the ring test.

Main value of this new test, which originated in Denmark, is to spot centers of infection in communities where most of the dairy herds have been freed from the disease by blood-testing and calf-vaccinating. It is based on the knowledge that milk from a cow which contains "agglutinating substances" will show a positive color reaction even when mixed with the milk of 9 or 10 other cows.

A sample of the milk from each herd is taken from the incoming can at the creamery. A few drops of the testing fluid, called antigen, is added to each test-tube sample of milk, and the mixture then is placed in the incubator for about an hour. If the milk contains any Bang's disease agglutinins, a blue color shows in the ring of cream at the top of the fluid. Whole cream can be tested by a slight modification of the method.

Detecting brucellosis reactions with the ring test provides valuable information for owners of supposedly clean herds. The test serves as a warning to initiate blood tests to detect the affected cows. Some cows which have ceased to react to the regular blood test, but which are carriers of the brucella germs, will react to the ring test.

In Minnesota, the ring test has been run on milk samples from some 20,000 herds in 18 brucellosis-clean or near-clean counties with an end efficiency of 82 percent in locating infected herds.

Feeder cattle may be wormy

ORDINARILY, one does not associate worm damage with feeder cattle, for these animals usually come from the wide-open spaces—and in the old days you couldn't find a parasite in a carload.

In the past decade or two, many factors have entered the Western picture—winterfeeding, community-sale mixing, overgrazing, and so forth—and the end result is that the ever wily internal parasite has more than a toe hold.

Let's not get the idea that all cattle coming from the West are wormy. Most loads are clean. But, if good feeding does not bring proper gains, if some of the steers have chronic diarrhea, or if their eyeballs are too white, you'd better have your local veterinarian check up and recheck with a microscopic examination of a dung sample.

Treatment depends on the type of internal worms responsible.

New drug gets fowl cholera

AN INCREASING number of reliable reports, both from the field and the laboratory, indicate that the new sulfa drug called sulfaquinoxaline outstrips all other remedies for curbing fowl-cholera losses.

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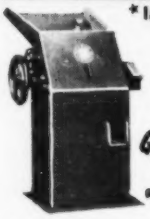

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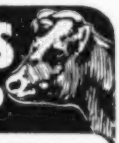

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It was not until later when blood testing showed the animals to be negative that he cooled off a bit and began to suspect that something other than Bang's disease was responsible for his bad luck. A detailed herd survey revealed that the trouble was being caused by vibrionic abortion, doubtlessly imported with a purchased cow.

As time goes on, we run into this disease more and more often, quite generally in herds that are known to be free of Bang's disease. We suspect that it is quite widely spread, even in herds where Bang's disease is supposed to be causing the trouble.

At any rate, it is unwise to blame an epidemic of abortions on "fighting at the tank," "slipping on the ice," or other accidents unless vibrionic infection has been eliminated as a cause.

Dairymen should watch Q-Fever

SO-CALLED Q-Fever is one of the new human diseases which may have direct interest for dairy farmers.

Several outbreaks of this grippe-like disease in the California area appeared to be associated with dairy cattle, either by contact or thru the drinking of milk. Quoting from a report which was given at a recent national veterinary meeting, we note that:

"Cattle, particularly milk cows, are the only definitely known source of human infection, but the means by which the infectious agent is transferred is uncertain. Infected tick feces and contact with the tissues of slaughtered animals have been suspected. Milk from infected cows has been found infectious, and it, too, is now under suspicion. Once introduced, the disease appears to spread within the dairy herds. How cattle acquire the disease from nature is not yet understood. Ticks are a possible source."

Still lots of needed information is necessary before we understand all angles of this Q-Fever problem. So far as we know, dairy cows or other cattle show no recognizable symptoms of sickness, even tho they spread the infective factor to human beings exposed to it.

Cause of the disease is a form of germ life called rickettsia. These are sort of intermediate forms between true germs and filterable viruses.

Helpful reminders

WHENEVER YOU can step into a hog house and see an excessive amount of frost clinging to the underside of the roof, it means that ventilation is faulty.

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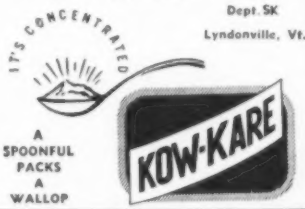

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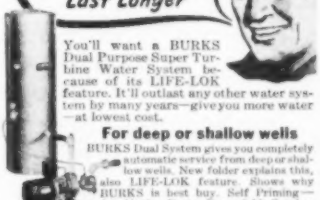

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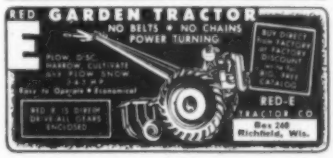

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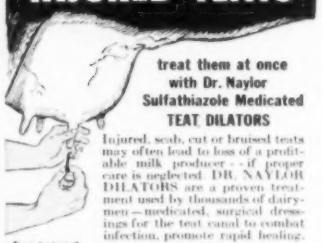

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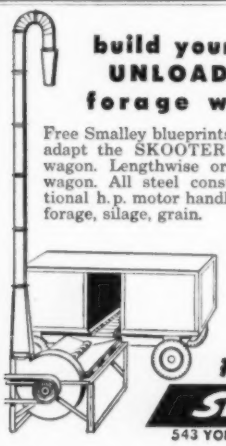

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Milking room

[*From page 42*]

easy operation. You can get detailed plans and a cost-finding list of materials for only $1. The plan number is 49S01. Be sure to mention that number when ordering. See the offer on page 42.

The over-all measurements are 20′x 38′2″. The milkroom itself is 10′x12′, as shown in the floor plans on page 42. If your state requires a 2-door vestibule between the milking stanchions and the built-in milkhouse, you'll find an alternate arrangement for that, too, at the bottom of this page.

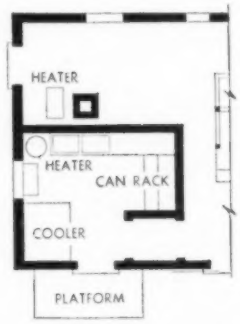
The six milking stalls and the feed-storage space for concentrates fed while milking should handle a herd of up to 25 pen-stabled cows in an adjoining barn.

To hold expense way down, we kept the six milking spaces or stalls at floor level—rather than raising them above the floor or trenching the floor below them so that udders might be reached by the operator without stretching or stooping. That "no stretch, no stoop" idea is a good one. Make no mistake. But the ramp and platform construction necessary to get it is bound to cost more.

THE manger design in Plan No. 49S01 demonstrates what I mean by being easy to keep clean and easy to operate. It is wide enough so that cows will dribble little or no grain in the alley. The mangers are raised so that cows will stand quietly while being milked. The manger surface is to be finished by steel troweling so that it will be smooth and may be licked clean.

Because dairy cows will drop very little manure in a milking room, the gutter need be only 2″ deep and 1′ wide. At the other ends of the stalls, conventional swing stanchions as used in the standard-type dairy barn should *not* be used. Stanchions on this 6-cow milking line of ours should be rigid and so arranged that all of them can be opened or closed at the same time. Commercial equipment of this type is on the market and is, of course, more satisfactory and foolproof. But stanchions *can* be homemade as you will find them illustrated on the plan set.

The stall platforms and the litter alley have a slight slope so that they will drain to the gutter. The feed alley is wide



If you live in a state or community where regulations call for two doors between the space where cows are milked and the milkroom itself, the alternate plan above will do the job. Doesn't change over-all dimensions

enough (4′) so that a man can walk thru conveniently. The end alleys are wide enough so that a feed cart can be used; and the litter alley is sufficiently wide (6′) so that cows will have no trouble in entering and backing out.

Heat for the building can be a kitchen heater placed as shown.

The chimney should be well built and made firesafe, particularly because the building is attached to the main barn. The chimney should extend to the ground and rest on a footing. It should have a flue liner. A spark arrester should be installed, altho one is not shown.

WE HAVE shown two of the chimneys as carrying metal stacks above the roof of the milking room. These will carry to about 1½′ above the ridge of the barn and eliminate much of the danger of flying sparks, especially if equipped with arresters. Even when the milking room is built end to end to the barn, such an arrangement might be necessary. (Better consult your local fire chief.)

In order to conserve all heat possible, the building is shown in the plan set as being heavily insulated. Heat losses can be cut down further by putting on storm windows.

Louvers are provided in the loft space so that air can circulate in and out freely to aid in keeping the insulation dry.

Vertical siding with batten strips is shown on the plans as the material for the outside walls. This can be rough-sawed lumber spray-painted. Or novelty siding or clapboards can be used just as effectively.

Or, still further, you may prefer cinder blocks or other lightweight masonry blocks for the walls. If they are used, it is recommended that the cores be filled with insulating material and further insulation be provided by nailing vertical, 2″ furring strips on the inside and sheathing over these. This will provide a space that can be filled with insulating material.

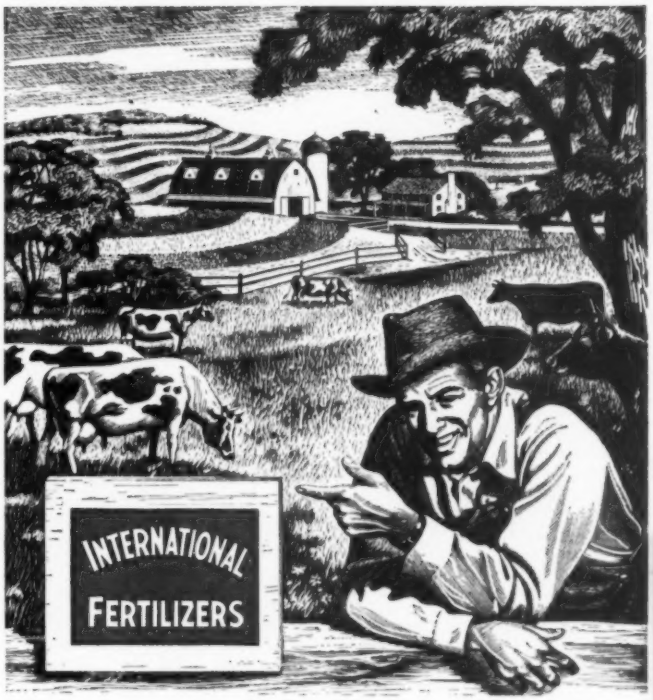
The inside wall of the milking room is shown as cement-asbestos board backed with lumber to a height of 4′ behind the cows, so as to eliminate breakage.

THE ventilation detailed will aid in keeping the walls dry and in removing odors. Three built-in intakes are shown. These direct the air straight upwards—so as not to cause drafts on cows or operator. The intakes should be left open while the cows are in the milking room. The stove and chimney will act as an outtake to remove the moisture-laden air.

The crosstie coming in over our milkhouse door is doubled so that a track can be attached for conveying cans by means of the hoist fastened to a roller.

The building as a whole lends itself to a wide range of situations. It can be attached to most any barn. If attached as an "L" as shown on page 42, it provides a windbreak for cows going on out into the yard. Another possibility is to build a milking room and milkhouse on to the *end* of the barn as shown. This can be done where plenty of room is available. Still another possibility is to build a lean-to on the *side* of the pen barn as shown. Such a setup would tend to be slightly warmer. Perhaps artificial heating would not be necessary.

No matter how you may plan to attach a milking room to your barn, be sure to check your local and state laws for details before you build. Finally, remember the plan offer on page 42. END



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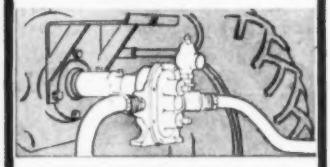

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Looking at it from another angle, steers followed by hogs could sell for $1.02 to $1.26 per hundredweight less and still break even, than if the hogs were not picking up wasted feed.

C. C. Culbertson, in charge of the experiments, explained that, altho it was assumed all hogs behind the cattle would have the same ability to produce pork, such was not true. There always are differences in individual hogs, and this, in part, accounted for the variation. Furthermore, cattle on full feed will waste more feed for hogs to retrieve than cattle kept on a limited grain-feeding program.

Culbertson says that a big reason why some farmers don't have good luck with hogs following steers is that the hogs are not fed enough in addition to what they are able to pick up. Pigs following heavier cattle will pick up more than those behind lighter steers or calves. But, in all cases, it will pay to have some pigs around to clean up the waste where cattle are being fed.—*D. C. W., Iowa.*

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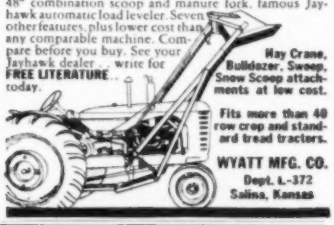

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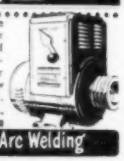

Breed news

Best lifetime production

NAMED "leading lifetime milk producer in the United States" is Penstate Veeman Josie, a 16-year-old Holstein in the herd of the Pennsylvania State College. Her record for the period ending July 1 showed 222,502 pounds of 3.2 percent milk, and 7,019 pounds of butterfat. Now in her thirteenth lactation, she is "doing better than 50 pounds of milk a day," reports her herdsman.

A profitable sow

THE FIRST sow to make a six-star record in the Hampshire Production Registry is Ringold Lady Dora, a 5-year-old owned by William C. Goodheart, Jr., of Eaton, Ohio. In her six star litters she has raised 62 pigs, an average of 10.3. She has raised two other litters containing a total of 13 pigs, or a grand total of 75 pigs in eight litters. Her star litters averaged 418 pounds, 56 days after farrowing.—*C. D. L., Washington, D. C.*

Swiss breeders win awards

FOR THE second consecutive year, Lee's Hill Farm, Morristown, New Jersey, has been named winner of two Ira Inman awards, representing outstanding achievement as a member of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association. Lee's Hill Farm was presented with a silver cup as winner of the Premier Breeder award, and with an identical trophy for the R.O.P. award.

The latter honor goes to the owner of the cow completing the highest record during the year on Register of Production test. The winning cow made 29,392 pounds of milk and 1,214 pounds of butterfat in 365 days, three-times-daily mature-equivalent basis.

The John Ingold Estate, Monroe, Wisconsin, won the Herd Improvement Registry trophy, another Ira Inman cup. The winner is determined by the highest score made on the five following points: years on continuous H.I.R. testing, size of milking herd, percentage of milking cows bred by owner, percentage of cows that exceed breed average, and the percentage of the cows in the dairyman's herd that have been tested. END

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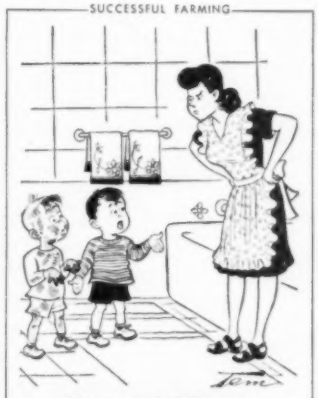

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One of the nicest comments I've received about this column was from an editor in the Middle West I called on. And while I don't like to give myself orchids, I think it illustrates a point.

"Joe," he said, "it so happens I don't agree with everything you say, but I always like to run your column. Because it gets down to earth and talks about *the right to disagree*. And it only asks for *tolerance* towards the other person's point of view."

He went on to explain, by way of illustration, that he never had happened to have a taste for ale or beer. But that when I spoke of the *right* to enjoy a moderate beverage like beer, well, he was right there with me!

And from where I sit, that's the important thing: not whether you share another person's tastes or point of view — but whether you recognize his right to exercise a free choice in a free land.

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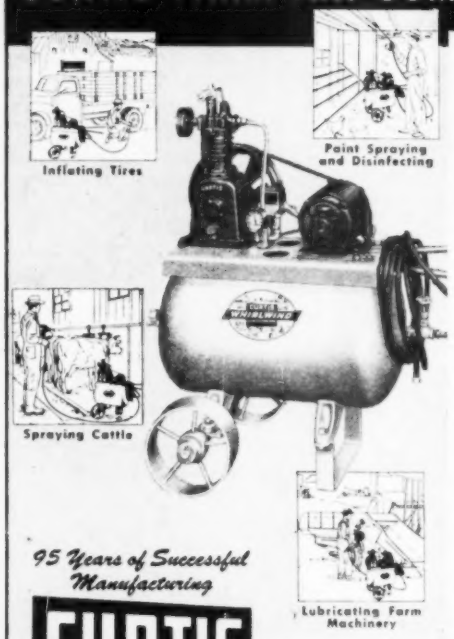

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Comfort from calf brooder

NEWBORN CALVES now come thru the cold nights in fine condition for Clair Taylor, herdsman for M. F. Latham's Guernsey farm, Wayne County, Iowa. Taylor credits this to use of a brooder, made by covering a hog crate with burlap sacks and using an extension cord with heat bulb.

Fewer back strains

LIFTING CANS of whole milk into the cooling tank was too much of a job to be done by hand, reasoned D. W. Lensch, so he rigged up a can-hoist on his farm in Linn County, Iowa.

The hoist was made from a piece of channel iron, an old hay carrier, and an electric lifting motor. His milk hauler likes it, too, and Lensch wonders why more dairymen don't make a similar type of back-saver.

High profit per cow

GETTING $300.50 per cow annually above feed cost is quite a trick, and Reuben Frank, of Scott County, Minnesota, attributes part of his success to the use of low-cost feeds. A firm believer in well-balanced rations, he feeds a mixture made up of 750 pounds of ground ear corn, 400 of bran, and 200 of linseed meal, giving about a pound for every 4 pounds of milk produced. He finds that he keeps down udder trouble by using less protein. He likes bran in his formula because it's bulky and is considered a good bone builder, due to the phosphorus in it.—*H. S., Minnesota.*

Why larger dairy herds?

A SEARCHING INQUIRY into operations of 40 livestock farms (16 with 6 or more cows) in Indiana showed that the five largest herds produced a hundredweight of milk for $2.28 less than the six smallest herds in 1945. The higher costs of feed and labor for the smaller dairy unit make a difference of $1.30—74 cents more for feed, 56 cents more for labor—for each hundredweight of milk sold.

These 16 farms included in the survey of the Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station carried on dairying in a limited way, largely as a side-line activity. With reference to size, the largest herd had an average of 21 cows, the average was 11.3 cows, and the smallest unit 6.5 cows.

On the 16 farms, calving was staggered over a 12-month period, replacements were raised at home, and vealers were marketed when 2 months old. Cows were kept on pasture for 158 to 275 days—an average of 202 days for the season. Machine milking was used on seven farms averaging 12.3 cows each.

All of the 16 farmers studied (6 or more cows each) sold whole milk, part of it going into fluid uses, and the other portion into manufacturing stable dairy products.—*S. R. W., Florida.*

Poultry

New lifesaving drug

A TWO-PRONGED attack on coccidiosis is being found in sulfaquinoxaline, according to Alexander Gordeuk, extension poultryman at Purdue University. It is useful both as a preventive and as a treatment after cecal (bloody) or intestinal coccidiosis gets into the flock.

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Why some flocks pay better

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In contrast, the average Missouri hen during the same 5-year period laid 105 eggs annually. Rate of lay during the fall months was only 23. Average flock size for the state was less than 100 layers. Income above feed cost probably was not more than $150 to $200 annually for the average flock.

One additional reason for the income difference was the fact that the contest winners usually had some type of marketing program, which returned more to the farmers than was possible on a current receipts market. In general, this group sold to graded outlets, hatcheries, or combinations of these two. A few had special outlets.—*E. B. W., Missouri.*

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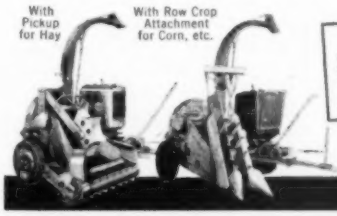

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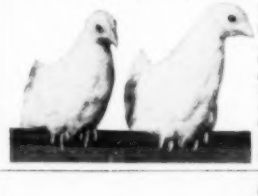

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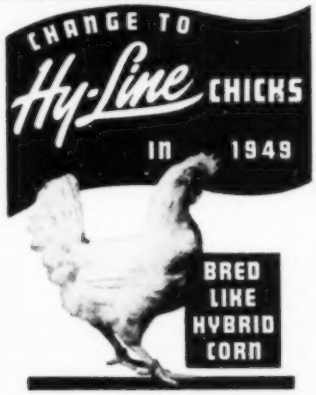

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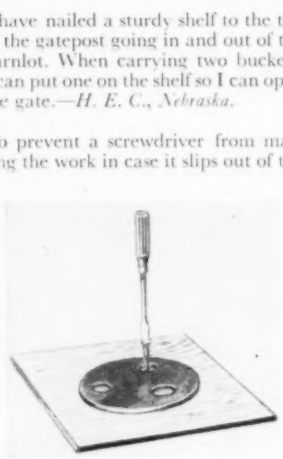
To hold carriage bolts when it is desired to cut threads the full length, I place square key stock, or similar square rods, on opposite sides of the square shoulder on the bolt. I secure assembly in the vise and tighten the key stock against the bolt. The round head will be undamaged and threads may be cut to the bolt's shoulder.—*A. G., Kansas.*

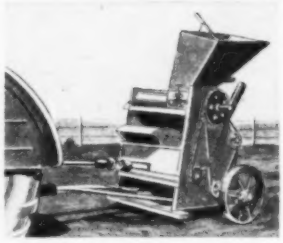
I have nailed a sturdy shelf to the top of the gatepost going in and out of the barnlot. When carrying two buckets, I can put one on the shelf so I can open the gate.—*H. E. C., Nebraska.*

To prevent a screwdriver from marring the work in case it slips out of the



screw slot, I have a steel plate about 1/8" thick. I drill holes thru this plate to correspond to a slightly larger diameter than that of the screwheads commonly used. I start the screw, then slip the plate over it. If the screwdriver slips, it strikes the plate, leaving no mark on the wood. Felt or rubber should be glued to the bottom of the plate.—*J. K., Ohio.*

To reduce the heat of a chimney near wood framing, I line the frame openings with several thicknesses of asbestos sheeting cemented together with asbestos cement. The lining is nailed to the wood so that it is sure to remain in place. This has been used with chimneys built of concrete and is equally good with brick chimneys.—*S. M. D., Michigan.*

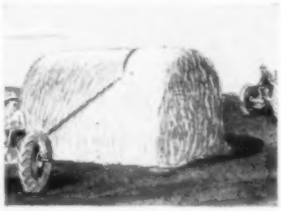


Instead of bolting my corn sheller to the floor, I have designed one that is easily moved around. I put on a power take-off drive instead of a belt and put the sheller on a 2-wheel trailer which is about 4" off the ground.—*H. K., Indiana.*

To hold garage doors open, I nailed strap hinges near the bottom of each door, on the inside. For easy nonstoop release, I ran wires from the free ends of each hinge to hooks or staples driven waist high on the back of each door.—*P. G., New York.*

I have done away with the drudgery of cutting hay and strawstacks by utilizing tractor power in the following manner: Take three strands of new barbed wire about 100' long, and fasten the ends securely to a stout ring or clevis. Make sure all strands are exactly the same length, so tension will be even.

Throw the wires over the stack where a cut is desired, hitch a tractor to each end, and start sawing. The clutches are released alternately as each tractor is being pulled backward toward the stack.—*F. H., Iowa.*

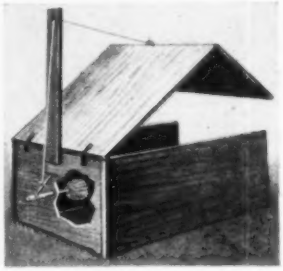


We mark baby chicks one year with a toe punch, and don't mark them the next year. This way we are sure to sell all the old hens in the flock every year.—*M. M., South Dakota.*

We find that by going over the ceilings and sides of our brooders with liquid floor wax, brooders are much easier to clean when we are thru with them.—*S. B. W., Indiana.*

When I am working up wood or posts in the timber, I carry my wedges in an old pail. By making it a habit to drop released wedges into the pail as I work, I have not lost a wedge since I have followed this practice.—*S. B., Ohio.*

I have been able to clean rabbits out of young orchard areas with the simplest kind of box trap as shown.



Several of these kept set and visited regularly will be more effective than dogs and hunting.—*M. L., Minnesota.*

When painting trellises or window screens, I hang them securely with wire to the clothesline. The articles can be painted easily on both sides without the usual bother of turning them.—*H. H. R., Michigan.*

Instead of simply junking an old bobsled that had seen its better days, we built one of our feed bunks onto it. Now we have a portable bunk that is very easy to move around in the feedlot.—*H. L., North Dakota.*

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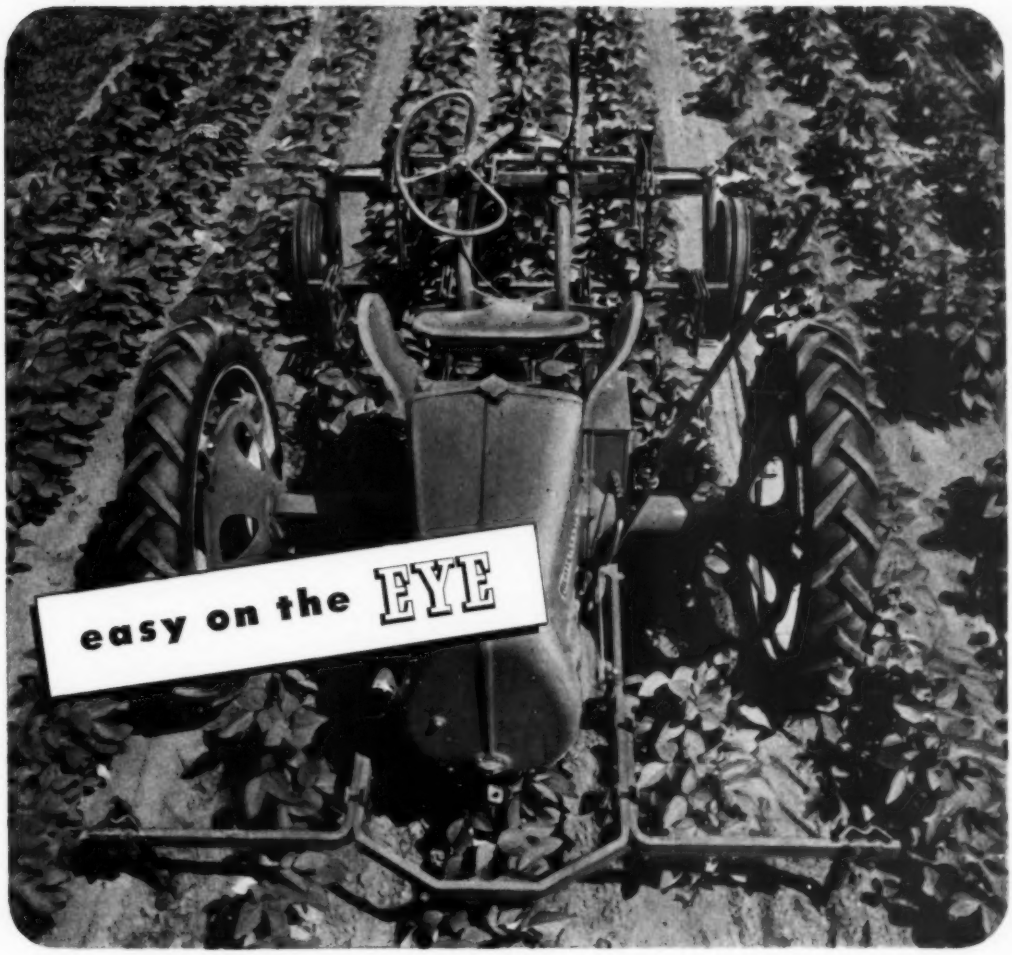

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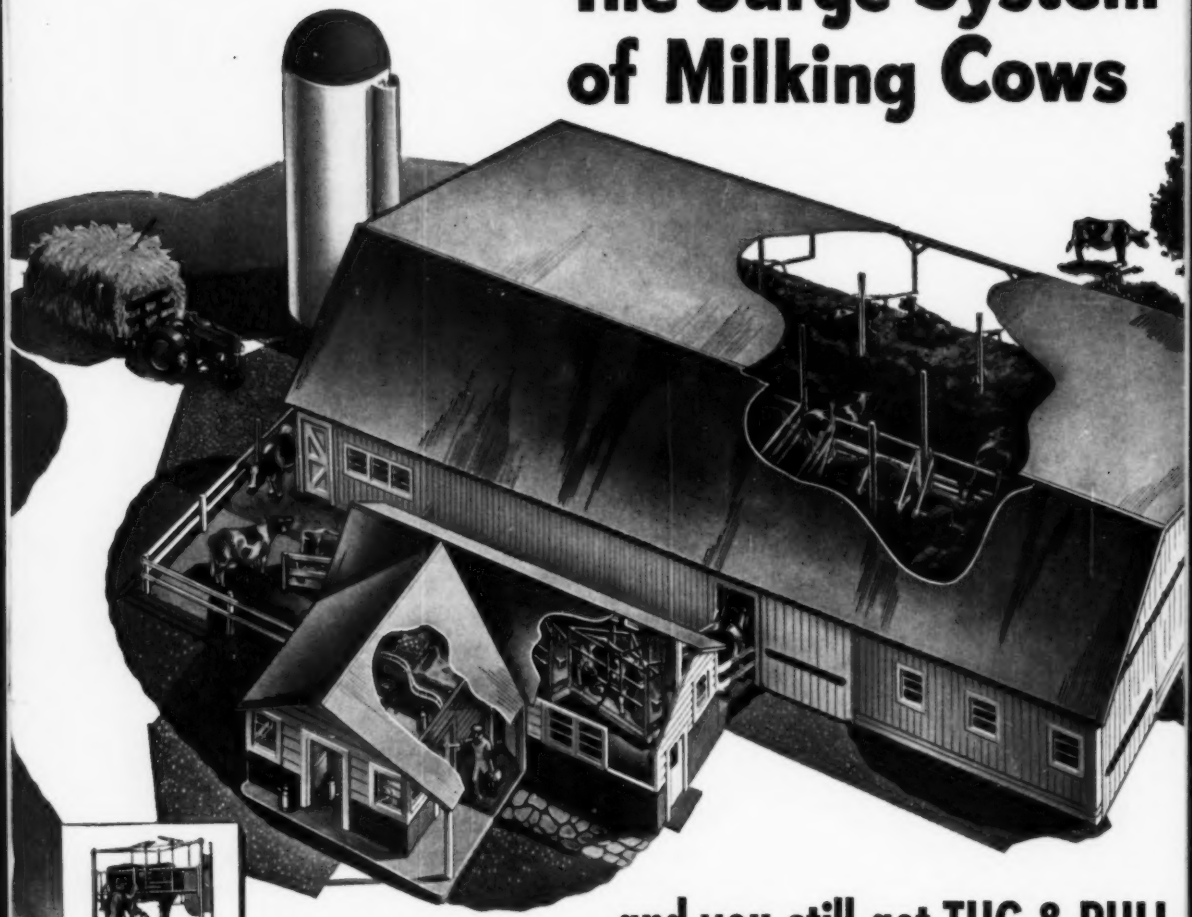

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